

Defeating the Enemy

Learn from Jesus – Part 8

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2 Corinthians 4:18 (ESV) as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

John 3:3 (ESV) Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

Ephesians 6:12 (ESV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

1. Believe in God’s power over _____

Luke 8:22 (ESV) One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side of the lake.” So they set out,

Luke 8:23-24a (ESV) and as they sailed he fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling with water and were in danger. And they went and woke him, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!”

Luke 8:24b-25 (ESV) And he awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging waves, and they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?”

2. Believe in God’s power over _____

Luke 8:27 (ESV) When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs.

Luke 8:28-29a (ESV) When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me.” For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.

Luke 8:30-31 (ESV) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss.

Luke 8:32-33 (ESV) Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

3. _____ others what God has done for you

Luke 8:35 (ESV) Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

Luke 8:37 (ESV) Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

Luke 8:38-39 (ESV) The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Weekly Healing Scripture

Isaiah 53:4-5 (ESV) Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Defeating the Enemy Study Guide

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Intro. Why is it so important to look to unseen things, rather than the things we can see with our eyes (2 Corinthians 4:18)?

Why must someone be born again to see the unseen kingdom of God (John 3:3)?

What does Ephesians 6:12 mean when it says our battle is not against people but against spiritual forces of evil?

1A. What was the significance of Jesus' words in Luke 8:22?

1B. What do you think was going through the disciple's minds in Luke 8:23-24a?

1C. What did Jesus' question "Where is your faith" mean (Luke 8:24b-25)? What should the disciples have done differently?

1D. How can your faith grow in the midst of difficult circumstances?

2A. According to Luke 8:27, what did the demons do to the man possessed?

2B. Why did the demons in the man fear Jesus (Luke 8:28-29)?

2C. What do you think was the cause of the man being possessed by so many demons (Luke 8:30-31)?

2D. What does the transfer of the demons from the man to the pigs tell us about them (Luke 8:32-33)?

2E. What kind of things in our world today do you think are caused by demons? Why do you think so many people don't believe in them? What can you do to set people free from demons?

3A. Why were the people afraid at seeing the transformation of the demon possessed man (Luke 8:35)?

3B. What prompted the people to ask Jesus to depart from their country (Luke 8:37)?

3C. Why did Jesus tell the man to return to his home and tell others what God had done for him (Luke 8:38-39)?

3D. What things has God done in your life that you can tell others about? How can you overcome any fear about telling others what God has done for you?