



Keys to Taking Steps Forward with God!

Mark 5: 1-20



The Demoniac of Gadara

- ♦ Moving into *new territory*: into the country of the Gadarenes.
- ♦ Other side of the Sea of Galilee, near the region known as the Decapolis (10 cities).
- ♦ “IMMEDIATELY” there met him one out of the tombs, a man with an unclean spirit. (Mark 5:2-5)



I. The Key of Confrontation

- ◆ **It seems every time we purpose to move forward in God, we are met with resistance, or confrontation!**
- ◆ **"Immediately there met Him one out of the tombs..."**
- ◆ **But God is working all things together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose!"**

(Romans 8:28,29...)



A man with an unclean spirit:

- ◆ **Had his dwelling among the tombs...**
- ◆ **No one could bind him, not even with chains;**
- ◆ **No one could tame him;**
- ◆ **Day & night he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones.** (Mark 5:3-5)



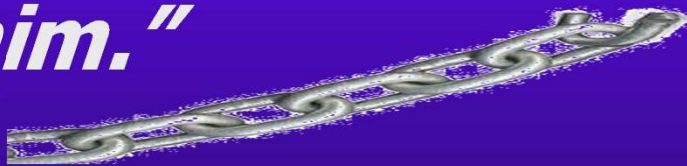
His diagnosis & prognosis were grim!

- ◆ **Diagnosis**- the act or process of identifying or determining the nature and cause of a disease or injury through evaluation or patient history, examination..."
- ◆ **Prognosis**-a prediction of the probable course and outcome of a disease; the likelihood of recovery from a disease; a forecast or prediction.



II. The Key of Conquering

- ◆ Man's general response to a grim prognosis is to find a way to "**cope**," rather than to **overcome**, or **conquer** the situation.
- ◆ *"No one could bind him, not even with chains....neither could anyone tame him."* (Mark 5:4)



- ◆ "Yet in all these things we are *more than conquerors* through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37)



III. The Key of Coronation

- ◆ **“When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshipped Him.”** (Mark 5: 6)
- ◆ **Hell had not planned for what happens when men prostrate themselves before the Living God!**
- ◆ **“...that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those things in heaven and of those things on earth, and of those things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”** (Phil.2:10,11)



When hell's
representative(s) bowed:

- ◆ The MAN went free!
- ◆ He's now SITTING,
CLOTHED, and IN HIS
RIGHT MIND!





SITTING, CLOTHED & in his RIGHT MIND:

- ◆ **SITTING**: "He has raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places *in Christ Jesus*." (Ephesians 2:6)
- ◆ **CLOTHED**: "...put on the new man, which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness." (Eph.4:24)
- ◆ **RIGHT MIND**: "...be renewed in the spirit of your mind," & "...for you have the mind of Christ." (Eph.4:23, 1 Cor.2:16)



IV. The Key of Commission

◆ “Go home to your friends and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.”

(Mark 5:19)



4 Keys to Moving Forward with God:

- ◆ 1) The Key of Confrontation
- ◆ 2) The Key of Conquering
- ◆ 3) The Key of Coronation
- ◆ 4) The Key of Commission