

## SERIES: **THIS** is my **STORY**

### Message: **Jesus Changed My Story**

JESUS uses STORIES

*Everyone has a story ... Some have a story worth telling ... Some have story they'd rather not tell*

#### #1 Today's DECISIONS determine Tomorrow's STORIES

- Avg adult 35,000/day (Teachers 4 decisions/min)
- Seemingly INSIGNIFICANT Decisions can have SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

BUT WHAT IF...

One MOMENT...

One MEETING...

One ENCOUNTER...

Could change it ALL?

What will your story be? “**THIS** is my **STORY**.”

**1 John 1:1** We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.

#### #2 Where we COULD BE is STILL GREATER than Where we ARE

- **2 Encounters, 1 Experience: Ken Blanchard's Testimony**  
<https://vimeo.com/168837046>
- **The Demonic**

**Mark 5:1-13** *NLT* They came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gerasenes.<sup>2</sup> And when Jesus had stepped out of the boat, **immediately** there **met him** out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.<sup>3</sup> He lived among the tombs. And no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain,<sup>4</sup> for he had often been bound with shackles and chains, but he wrenched the chains apart, and he broke the shackles in pieces. No one had the strength to subdue him.<sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and on the mountains he was always crying out and cutting himself with stones.<sup>6</sup> And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and fell down before him.<sup>7</sup> And crying out with a loud voice, he said, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I adjure you by God, do not torment me.”<sup>8</sup> For he was saying to him, “Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!”

- Jesus didn't Let the Spirit linger... He spoke to it
- *Jesus didn't* just acknowledge it... He acted on it

<sup>9</sup>And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” He replied, “My name is Legion, for we are many.”

<sup>10</sup>And he (the DEMON!) **begged him earnestly** not to send them out of the country.

- **You GET CLOSE enough to JESUS... your enemies will have to Beg for MERCY**

<sup>11</sup>Now a great herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, <sup>12</sup>and they begged him, saying, “Send us to the pigs; let us enter them.”

<sup>13</sup> So **He gave them permission**. And the unclean spirits came out and entered the pigs; and the herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea and drowned in the sea. (Salted Pork!)

**#3** YOUR STORY IS NOT OVER! (demoniac among the Dead or Humanitarian w/ a VOID)

- What will your story be? “tHIS is my STORY.” ...
- ***I want MY Story to be HIS STORY!***
- Followers of Jesus: EVALUATE, ACKNOWLEDGE, ADJUST!
- Anyone Who Wonders: COME TO JESUS!!!.... Let Him AUTHOR your STORY