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A LIFE TRANSFORMING STORY

Luke 8:26-39

- I. We are introduced to a demon possessed man: (26-27)
 - A. Naked
 - B. Homeless
 - C. Lived surrounded by death.

- II. We are introduced to the evil spirits. (28-29)
 - A. They knew Jesus was the Son of the Most High God.
 - B. They knew the power of Jesus
 - C. They knew that Jesus had the authority to judge

- III. The judgment of the demons. (30-33)
 - A. They would rather enter pigs than be sent to the abyss.
 - B. Jesus granted His permission ... and the pigs ran off the cliff into the water.

- IV. The transformation in the man. (34-35)
 - A. The one who once was naked is now clothed.
 - B. The one who was once homeless is now 'in his right mind.'
 - C. The one who was once living 'in the tombs' is now sitting at Jesus' feet.

- V. The Rest of the Story: (36-39)
 - A. People became afraid of Jesus.
 - ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. (John 1:4)
 - B. The man remained behind to give testimony to what Jesus had done.
 - ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— (John 1:12)

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P: ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!

C: ⁵ **Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.**

P: ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C: ⁸ **Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.**

P: ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

*Hymn No. 252 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know that it's the presence of the Lord.

Sweet, Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, Filling us with Your love;
And for these blessings, We lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

*Invocation
Scripture Reading

Luke 8:26-39

²⁶ They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don’t torture me!” ²⁹ For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places.

³⁰ Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“Legion,” he replied, because many demons had gone into him. ³¹ And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss.

³² A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, ³⁵ and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus’ feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. ³⁷ Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left.

³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

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*Hymn No. 8

Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made
thee, decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided
and stayed thee; How oft in grief hath not He brought thee
relief, spreading His wings for to shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before
Him! Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly for aye we adore Him!

Offering of Thanks and Praise

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Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 247

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

Sermon concluded

Song of Response

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction No. 259 *Breath on Me, Breath of God* (v. 3)

Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
Until this earthly part of me glows with Thy fire divine.

*Postlude