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Wednesdays in the Word
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Jesus and the Man with Demons: Part 3

James: Hey! Hey to you too! Thank you for giving us this opportunity. I'm James Robison. My wife, Betty and I welcome you to *LIFE Today*.

I hope you've also been visiting stream.org, the stream every day. Remember this now. You can find those things which will not only inspire you but inform you and show you how you can make a difference and why it is important to make a difference, why we have light in this dark day, and why we have a salt effect to protect the precious, like innocent life, and every life, and marriage and family. So go to the stream.

Betty, we've got an incredible gift for our viewers. This is called "Every Day a New Day." There is a season -- be instant in season and out of season, be consistent. So we've taken the seasons, this happens to be the fall cover. We have got summer and we've got spring and winter, and we want to take you every day into the presence of God but also give you a journaling opportunity because this is so important, we've learned it.

Beth Moore is one of the people who helps us learn all of this. She is an incredible Bible teacher and you're going to love what she's sharing. She is actually talking about Jesus and the man with demons. And believe this -- we're all attacked by these spirits, these agents of the devil.

Here's Beth Moore. Would you welcome Beth?

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Beth: Number four is this: Where Satan has his way people are out of control and out of community. Where Satan has his way, people are out of control and out of community.

I am praying that in our present series somebody is going to get some hope for going through what you would consider to be your worst case scenario because truly we are looking into Luke chapter eight at what is a worst case scenario. When the enemy has systematically come for

everything from A to Z in this man's life. He has got nothing. He lives around the tombs. He has absolutely lost his mind.

How do we know that? Because by the end of the narrative we're told he is in his right mind. Well, the only way you get in your right mind through a healing is that you've been out of your mind. And listen, I know what it is like to be out of my mind. That kind of season when you think somebody has seen me act like an idiot. Anybody?

Listen. It says in this narrative in verse 29, look at these words: For he had commanded the unclean spirit, (this is Jesus,) commanding it to come out of the man for many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.

Now I just need a couple -- this is a nice heavy chain. You kind of hear it in my microphone. I want you to imagine that you have got the strength to break that thing. Would you -- what kind of demonic activity would it take? How out of control could you possibly be that you could break the bonds put on you?

I started thinking because Mark's gospel tells a very interesting account of the same exact narrative and it gives some different wording in Mark 5, verse four it says this: No one had the strength to subdue him.

Somebody go there with me. I want somebody to stand tight on the other side of that screen because listen, this is going to speak to somebody. No one had the strength to subdue him. I don't know if you have ever been in a situation where somebody in your family has been so out of control and the entire family -- I mean there's counselors have been sought. The police have gotten involved. Everything you can think of to try to manage this situation but no one has the power to subdue them. Can I see anybody's hand? Because listen, that's speaking to somebody. Because listen. Either you've been there or you know somebody who has been there. I want us to enter in to the plight of the family before we just think, aren't they mean? They just cast him out. They could not handle him. Anybody?

I've got a really good friend that has an 18 year old that has turned their lives entirely upside down. They cannot subdue her. They are doing everything they know to do. Listen, this is still very much in process and we're believing God for full victory but I do want you to know there is not something that is wrong with you if you cannot subdue a person who is out of control. You do not have the power to do what only Jesus can do. And sometimes, you have just got to raise your hand and go, "I've got to have some help because I've got somebody on my hands I cannot subdue." Anybody? "I do not have the power to subdue this person. I love this person. I would do anything that I could. I lack the power -- the ability to subdue this person."

So there he is out in the tombs. Somebody listening, somebody watching knows what it is like to try to rescue someone from hurting himself or herself, and have no strength to be able to do it.

I was thinking about how the enemy works this, because what happens in a family when somebody finally just is put out of that community, whether it is through an arrest, and listen, I know many, many people -- listen carefully. I don't want you to get condemnation on you. Because I know many, many people who have found Jesus, have found freedom in a cell. I mean freedom in a cell. I can't even tell you how many. But I'm just saying to you, we have situations where someone is then put out from the family in whatever way it would be. A couple is having to split up over protection of the children -- whatever it may be. But what happens that the enemy can work in this whole thing is that the person put out then can blame the people who put them out when they have had no further power to subdue them. Anybody? Anybody?

This is what life looks like when the enemy is having a party. When you've got somebody out of control on your hands, you cannot subdue them, it ends up that you are having to put distance in that community and it is breaking your heart, and it has broken their hearts, but you do not know anything else to do because you have no further power to fix it. We need Jesus -- we need Jesus -- we need Jesus -- we need Jesus!

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Announcer: Still to come, Beth describes a time when she felt trapped.

Begin video clip

Beth: When something was so messed up in my mind that I was not screaming to get out.

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In the studio

James: I'm interrupting Beth for just a moment.

Betty, one of the things that Beth has made clear to us, because she's probably an ultimate missionary, when she first came with us, even before she started doing the teaching she started going to the mission field. One of the things that means so much to Beth and her husband Keith and really her living proof ministries is the mission outreach. Right now we're talking about

Water for Life, then the water of life which is what Beth is teaching. But I wanted you to know that this is a very, very -- it's very, very important and I want you to watch this.

On the mission field

Announcer: Trey Hume used to work in his village to provide for his family. But since his wife left him, he now takes this long walk every day to collect water for his three children, Huhacklay, Hushaw, and Hucomfake. When our mission team learned of Trey's story his children literally stole their hearts.

Trey shared with the team that his oldest daughter died one year ago from drinking the dirty water which made her sick. Trey fears his other children will die because he has no other choice but to get water from the dirty pond. His youngest child Hucomfake has become the sickest of his three children and she is continually lying down to try and get comfortable. All of this has driven Trey to tell us he has no hope.

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>> My life is hopeless. I can't even think about hope.

Cassie: His little baby is super, super sick. She's really uncomfortable. I think she is just trying to lay down and get comfortable over there but it's heartbreaking. I think the worst part about the whole story is that he says that he has no hope. He's just in survival mode and that is just really difficult to be in a situation where there isn't any hope or joy or peace or anything.

Luke: What's amazing is we have the answer for them and that is clean water. We're asking you to please help us be able to bring life-giving water to this family and to other families and villages around here. Please partner with us and help us.

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In the studio

James: There are not adequate words to describe the gratitude to see our oldest grandson, married a year, standing there with his little bride looking at those precious children.

Betty, I wanted to take every one of them. I know Luke and Cassie, they did hold those precious children, including that little baby, and love them.

Luke started saying he was going to go the mission field when he was four years old. He told me, "I'm going to go and we're going to feed people because if we don't they will die, Papaw." And now there he is. That's his anniversary, his first one year, that was where it was spent.

For Cassie, they said she won everybody to Christ in Cambodia that had two legs -- she was after all of them. And there they are loving them.

And what he is saying is we can do something for that little family. Betty, they don't have to keep drinking that filthy water and seeing the child sick. For him to say he has no hope, and you and I know that hope is watching right here. Hope rises up in our heart and is expressed through loving hearts and we give the hope.

Betty: James, I know there is no greater heartache than a parent watching their child suffer and know that every moment they're in pain and they can do nothing. There are some situations where we can't do anything. We can love them and be close to them. But there's this situation where something can be done and we must do it for the sake of these precious children.

So I hope you will feel it in your heart to want to help. Let's make a difference. Let's drill the water wells so that these people can have an opportunity to offer something good for their children -- clean water that won't hurt them and kill them in some situations.

James: I guess I feel like I knew I'd be talking to the answer, I'd be talking to you. You're hope's answer -- you are the answer for hope. You really are -- we together. I can already tell you because Betty and I will do it, and I will tell our grandson, we'll drill a well. Betty and I will drill a well right there. We started years ago, when we started drilling wells, we said, "God, every time we come to drill a well, please help us."

When we first started we couldn't drill a well but then we got where we could drill a whole well; they were \$3600. Then the price went up because cost goes up and now it's \$4800. We've been able to hold it there. But we'll do that. I know Luke and Cassie can hear that, they're going to get a well. But we need to drill 500 wells in situations like that with precious little children like that, and parents like that. I believe with all my heart you want to do that.

We have some beautiful gifts to send you to say thank you. This is a devotional guide for every day, and a journal, "Every Day a New Day." You're going to love this! It's divided by seasons of the year.

Then the "Names of Jesus" pen set, two pens that are just beautiful.

Then the incredible painting by Thomas Kinkade, "Forest Chapel."

We send those gifts to say thanks but that's not why you give. I don't believe any one of you -- I don't believe one of you give to get. I believe you give because it is a blessing to give life. And

we're going to share with them *Water for Life* and tell them about the water of life. And when they see love, they receive it because it is so real to them.

Would you right now go to LifeToday.org? Or would you dial the number there on the screen and take your bankcard, use it like a check -- that's how you should always use it -- but I wish you would make the largest gift you can.

Remember, \$48, and this is where most of the money comes for the wells, people who give \$48 and others join, and that gives ten people water for the rest of their life; that's how it breaks out -- \$144, 30 people. Somebody gives \$1200, three people join, we've got a well. \$2400, another person joins, we've got a well. At any level -- see, there is no area too great or too small if we just do what God put on our heart and what we can do. If you can give a well, I know you'll want to and I believe you will. So would you please reach out and touch someone with love right now?

Dial the number, go online, LifeToday.org and make that gift. If you write a check, please call the number and tell us you're putting it in the mail. Would you do that? Thank you so much for doing it.

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Announcer: Every day millions of children are forced to make a dreadful choice: drink filthy, polluted water filled with deadly disease or die from thirst. No child should ever be faced with this decision.

The good news is there is a solution! *Mission Water for Life* is one of the most exciting and viable demonstrations of God's love in the world today. Suffering can end because clean water changes everything.

With your gift today we can establish and drill 500 water wells for remote villages in over 12 different nations. Your gift of \$24 will help provide clean water for 5 people. A gift of \$48 will help provide for 10 people; \$72 will impact 15 people. And \$144 will help provide fresh, clean, disease-free water for 30 people for a lifetime!

With your gift you'll receive the "Every Day a New Day" devotional broken out into the four seasons of the year. This daily devotional features scriptures, inspirational thoughts, a Bible reading plan, and a place for you to journal each day.

With your gift of \$100 or more, you may request "The Names of Jesus" pen set; one inscribed with the names of Jesus found in scripture and the other reflecting the gifts of the spirit.

Finally, please consider a gift of \$1200 to help provide water for 250 people or a gift of \$4800 to help sponsor a complete well.

And request this beautifully framed canvas print of "The Forest Chapel" by Thomas Kinkade.

Please call, write, or make your secure gift online today!

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Now back to *Wednesdays in the Word!*

Begin video clip

Beth: People need Jesus. I need Jesus. I need Jesus!

This is your situation. You cry out to him. You ask him. You come over here to what may seem like the opposite side. Listen; there is no opposite side to Jesus. He just goes -- he just goes. He goes against the opposing forces. He goes.

I started thinking how much violence would be an undeniable part of a world or environment in which Satan held full sway. Wouldn't you agree with that? Violence, pure violence -- an earmark of an environment where Satan has his way.

I was reading today with horror online about a place of -- a violent place in the Middle East where they are -- I hate to even bring this to you but I want you to understand the full measure of what we're talking about in Luke chapter eight and when the enemy gets full sway -- beheading women and children. And keeping -- I'm sorry, go with me here because we better be rising up, we better be praying, and we better be crying out that this is wrong and must cease -- keeping their heads for trophies. God help us! God help us! The violence of the day that we live in; and we are so exposed to it that surely this is one reason why Mark 24 -- or Matthew 24 rather, tells us that in the end of times hearts will grow cold unless we guard our hearts. Violence!

Thinking of when Jesus said, "My peace I give to you." And I want you to hear the declaration of the enemy, "My chaos I give to you. My torment and my fury and my turmoil, that's what I would give to you." That is a world where the enemy has full sway.

I tell you something else about it. I want to go here very, very gently. I want you to hear me out and don't turn away too soon. Listen. The homelessness in this world, people I have worked with people in shelters as many of you have, the tragedy of people that do not have a place to go home. I'm not saying they've done -- many of them are in the situation because of victimization, because of somebody else's poor choices but I am saying, one of the things we need to understand here is we are told that he had not lived in a house, in verse 27, he had not lived in a house in a very long time but he lived among the tombs. I'm not talking about a brick house. I'm talking about an apartment. I don't care if it is the size of a -- I don't care if it is ten square feet but it's got a pillow in it and a blanket, a place to be warm, and a place to get out of the elements -- a home, a house, something, some kind of shelter.

Do you know how many people on this planet have no place to go home? It hits us at the most fundamental level because a person's got to have a place. And in a world where the enemy has full sway, it is a world characterized overwhelmingly by people who do not know how, where, and when they will ever find a home. So heartbreaking! I think that Satan loves homelessness. That's what I think. As far as a space can be a home; I'm not talking about a two story house -- I'm talking about a place to go that is your refuge -- home! We're going to pray that God, even through this series, is going to break somebody out of the victimization of that homelessness and start working some miracles of restoration and deliverance.

Let me tell you something, Satan wants us to think that there is a territory so dark and demonic that Jesus will not bother to come and conquer it. And the devil is a liar! He is a liar!

Listen, here is where it begins. It begins just like this with whispering four words: Jesus, come get me! Jesus, come get me! If you have the strength enough just in your peril, if you can say today after being part of this series, "I'm telling you, my world looks so similar to this man's world in Luke chapter eight that you cannot even imagine it." If you could say it -- listen, Jesus came right over through that storm to get to that very man. You just ask him to come and get you, and you watch him do it -- you watch him do it!

I thought today that I'm not sure there is any bigger example of Satan having his way than when formerly reasonable people want Jesus to leave them alone so they can stay in that oppression.

I want you to go with me here for a moment. I'll not get too specific because I don't think those kinds of things glorify God but I'm thinking back on a time in my life when I needed

deliverance in the worst way. And I literally had to come to grips with the fact that something was so messed up in my mind that I was not screaming to get out. I knew -- listen. This is how I knew that I was sick, was not just that I was screaming to get out but that I wasn't. Oh, I need somebody to go with me there. Anybody?

Have you ever been someplace that you thought, I cannot be in my right mind because nobody in their right mind would think this is okay. Nobody in their right mind would think this is the environment I ought to be in. Nobody in their right mind would call what I'm living in any semblance of freedom whatsoever. So you know I'm not in my right mind because I know my head can tell me something different than my heart feels. There's got to be a way of escape and there is and that way is Jesus -- that way is Jesus. So sometimes just even knowing, I feel my heart wants to stay but something in me knows this is no place to live. This is no place to live. I've got to have Jesus. Sometimes, something in you knows better than what you feel.

Somebody, I'm trying to think of all the scenarios there would be. Somebody watching today is scared to death of what life would be like without being full on in that eating disorder. Like it's just -- it's just too frightening. You know you're in bondage but you can't imagine what it would be like to be on the other side of it. What would it be like not to have it?

Somebody is in the bondage of an affair and even though you know this is not the will of God something in you is scared to leave. Scenario after scenario -- somebody is in a criminal lifestyle and still just clinging and staying right there where the enemy is tormenting you. And it is time for those four words, "Jesus, come get me!"

You're loved. You are pursued. Even the fact that God has managed to have you right here, right now, to hear that message; know that he loves you and has come for you and it is time for you to stand up out of that bondage.

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In the studio

James: Beth, you are a blessing. I don't care what you're talking about, what you're teaching.

Father, thank you for the incredible gift, not only in Beth, but the gift of your love and the liberty and the freedom that you offer; in Jesus' name.

I hope that you will get "Every Day a New Day" and experience a new day every day in the Lord. And get the "Names of Jesus" pens. They will be a blessing to you.

"The Forest Chapel" -- beautiful painting. And know above all you are helping us share water with those who so desperately need it, Water for Life, but ultimately pointed to the water of life.

God bless you. Thank y'all for being here.