

Free at Last!

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Luke 8:26-39

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John 10:10

Context: "other side"

Characters:

Man

Demon(s)

Deut 32:17, 1 Cor 10:20, Ps 106:34-38

Jesus

Also mentioned:

Pigs! 2000

Pig-herders

City & country folk

Confrontation: Video

First – Jesus is on a mission...

Second – mission is a demonstration of power & authority

Third – man is drawn to Jesus

John 6:44

Fourth – transformed life = powerful witness for Christ.

"...let us lay aside ... the sin that so easily ensnares us." Heb 12:1

People are bound up by/with:

Sin:

Unconfessed sin (Psalm 32:1-5)

Unforgiven sin

Guilt/Shame

Bitterness (Heb 12:15)

My "Place":

Anxiety/Worry (Matt 6:25-34, Phil 4:6-7)

Desire for control – (PRIDE) (Gen 3:16)

Desire for belonging or acceptance

My "Possessions":

Love of Money/materialism (1 Tim 6:9-10)

Envy

My "Pleasure":

Cravings/Evil Desires (James 4:1-3)

Pornography (Matt 5:27-28, Job 31:1)

Ask yourself:

How would you feel if you weren't crushed by the weight of sin?

What would your life be like if you weren't bound up in worry?

Bitterness? Concern about what other people think?

How much less stress would there be in your life if you weren't trying to control everything and everyone around you?

How much more time would you have to love, know and serve God if you weren't pursuing "possessions" or "pleasures"?

Are you Thriving? Are you Joy-Filled?