

Katie Souza: How to Break the Spirit of Legion's Grip on Your Body

I received the revelation about Legion several years ago and have personally experienced many miracles because of it. I've been healed of lupus, chronic bladder and yeast infections, the flu and all manner of afflictions that the spirit of Legion had placed on me. Because of Holy Spirit's guiding, I've gotten such dominion over Legion that I can now travel all over the world and teach other people how to get healed and completely free from this demonic spirit.

I'm sure you and your loved ones would like to have unusual diseases healed and would give anything to have the chattering noise in your mind completely cease so you can hear God clearly and get the revelation you need for breakthrough.

Living Among the Tombs

Beyond taking back our neighborhoods for the kingdom, we must take regions of land all over the world. There are certain biblical keys that will empower you to do just that. Let's study the story of the man who lived among the tombs.

Mark 5:1-20 (AMP) reads:

They (Jesus and His disciples) came to the other side of the sea, to the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus got out of the boat, immediately a man from the tombs with an unclean spirit met Him, and the man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with chains. For he had often been bound with shackles [for the feet] and with chains, and he tore apart the chains and broke the shackles into pieces, and no one was strong enough to subdue and tame him. Night and day, he was constantly screaming and shrieking

among the tombs and on the mountains and cutting himself with [sharp] stones.

Seeing Jesus from a distance, he ran up and bowed down before Him [in homage]; and screaming with a loud voice, he said, 'What business do we have in common with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore you by God [swear to me], do not torment me!' For Jesus had been saying to him, 'Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!' He was asking him, 'What is your name?' And he replied, 'My name is Legion; for we are many.' And he began begging Him repeatedly not to send them out of the region. Now there was a large herd of pigs grazing there on the mountain. And the demons begged Him, saying, 'Send us to the pigs so that we may go into them!' Jesus gave them permission. And the unclean spirits came out [of the man] and entered the pigs. The herd, numbering about two thousand, rushed down the steep bank into the sea; and they were drowned [one after the other] in the sea.

The herdsmen [tending the pigs] ran away and reported it in the city and in the country. And the people came to see what had happened. They came to Jesus and saw the man who had been demon-possessed sitting down, clothed and in his right mind, the man who had [previously] had the "legion" [of demons]; and they were frightened. Those who had seen it described [in detail] to the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man, and [told them all] about the pigs. So the people began to beg with Jesus to leave their region. As He was stepping into the boat, the [Gentile] man who had been demon-possessed was begging with Him [asking] that he might go with Him [as a disciple]. Jesus did not let him [come], but [instead] He said to him, 'Go home to your family and tell them all the great things that the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you.' So he [obeyed and] went away and began to publicly proclaim in Decapolis [the region of the ten Hellenistic cities] all the great things that Jesus had done for him; and all the people were

astonished.

The above is a regional story but begins with healing for just one man. Like that man, as you are healed and delivered of Legion, you will be able to go preach in the decapolis (the region of the 10 cities in your area of land.)

Medicating a Demon?

When I first got out of prison, I began to have vertigo all the time. After eight months of dealing with the awful symptoms, I was tested and told that I had lupus. This horrible and painful disease causes the body to attack itself, destroying everything in the body until it ultimately brings death.

The Lord spoke to me, "Don't go back to the doctor. I'm going to heal you." Within a week, I had a dream that I was walking among some tombstones. When I awoke, the Lord gave me a Scripture from Mark 5:3 (NASB): "And he [the demoniac], had his dwelling among the tombs." Although I didn't fully understand the revelation, within a few days, the Lord healed me! The power of God came upon me, and He completely took away the vertigo and everything associated with lupus.

I didn't understand why I had gotten sick or why I was healed. And then, five or six years later, I began having similar symptoms again. I had vertigo and flu-like symptoms every other week. It was horrible. I would get a prescription for powerful antibiotics, but they wouldn't help. At the end of the round of meds, I was sicker than when I started them. That's when I learned that you can't medicate a demon.

During the cycle of horror, I remember preaching with a temperature of 103 degrees. At the end of the sermon, I couldn't remember a word I had said. I was praying, "I hope I helped somebody. Please God, *help!*"

Silencing the Chatter

During this time, I was seeking the Lord, but I couldn't hear Him. My mind was full of noise—nonsensical, useless chatter that had nothing to do with what I was thinking, asking or talking about. My daily prayer was for Him to show me who or what was filling my mind. I would pray and speak in tongues and then listen, but got nothing. Then, one day in the middle of this battle, I heard the Lord say, "Put it under torment."

"All right," I said. "Let's give it a try." I went into the bathroom, and I let that thing have it. (You can take the girl off the street but you can't take all the street out of the girl.) I threatened him with everything I could think of. At the end of my tirade, there was silence in my mind. And then God once again gave me the Scripture from Mark 5 about the demoniac who was dwelling among the tombs. Holy Spirit highlighted Legion running up to Jesus, throwing himself on his knees and saying, "What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? [What is there in common between us?] I solemnly implore you by God, do not begin to torment me!" (Mark 5:7 AMPC). He didn't want to be tormented. That's why he shut his stinking mouth when I tormented him!

The voices came back pretty quickly, but now I knew what I was dealing with. I soon discovered we have things in our soul that allow spirits to torment us. Instead of screaming at the enemy, we need to get our inner man healed of everything we have in common with the devil, and then he will have no power over us.

Have Nothing in Common

Jesus made this clear in John 14:30b (AMPC). He said, "The prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]." The devil will not have any power over you when you

have nothing in you that's in common with him.

When you are born again, you don't have anything in your spirit-man that's in common with the devil, because inside of you is Christ, the hope of glory. Your spirit-man is perfect and has nothing in common with Satan. But your soul is not the same. Your spirit man is saved, but your soul is in the process of receiving full salvation. The word "salvation" doesn't just mean to receive eternal life. It also means "healing." That Greek word is *sozo*, which means "healing, to heal someone of a disease."

You've got diseases in your soul. Remember in Philippians 2:12, we are told to walk out our salvation with fear and trembling? You don't have to walk out your salvation in your spirit because it's made perfect instantly, but you've got to walk out salvation in your soul because your soul needs to be healed. {eo2}

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