

*The Gospel according to*  
**LUKE**

**“JESUS’ AUTHORITY  
OVER SPIRITS”**



Last Sunday, we saw how Jesus calmed the storm on the Sea of Galilee. It was an opportunity for the disciples' faith in Him to be tested.







***“But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and **bear fruit with perseverance.**” (Luke 8:15)***





**How will our faith in Jesus  
hold up in the midst of  
storms that arise in our lives?**



# Faith...

*And He said to them, “Where is your faith?” They were fearful and amazed, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?”*

*(Luke 8:25)*



***<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.***



**(Luke 8:26)**





***They came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. (Mark 5:1)***

***When He came to the other side into the country of the Gadarenes, (Matthew 8:28a)***



***27 And when He came out onto the land,  
He was met by a man from the city who  
was possessed with demons; and who  
had not put on any clothing for a long  
time, and was not living in a house, but  
in the tombs.***

**(Luke 8:27)**



***28 Seeing Jesus, he cried out and fell before Him, and said in a loud voice, "What business do we have with each other, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me."***

***(Luke 8:28)***



***29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times; and he was bound with chains and shackles and kept under guard, and yet he would break his bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.***

**(Luke 8:29)**






The demon-possessed man had a “storm” brewing inside of him, and Jesus dealt with the demons as He did with the storm on the sea, with power and calm, showing His authority over all of His creation.



***<sup>30</sup>And Jesus asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him.***



**(Luke 8:30-31)**



***31 They were imploring Him not to command them to go away into the abyss. 32 Now there was a herd of many swine feeding there on the mountain; and the demons implored Him to permit them to enter the swine. And He gave them permission.***

**(Luke 8:31-32)**



***<sup>33</sup>And the demons came out of the man and entered the swine; and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.***

***(Luke 8:33)***

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The many demons in the man begged for mercy from Jesus, and implored Him for permission to enter into the pigs.



***34 When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they ran away and reported it in the city and out in the country.***

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**(Luke 8:34)**

***35 The people went out to see what had happened; and they came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting down at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind; and they became frightened.***

**(Luke 8:35)**



***36 Those who had seen it reported to them how the man who was demon-possessed had been made well. 37 And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes and the surrounding district asked Him to leave them, for they were gripped with great fear; and He got into a boat and returned.***

***(Luke 8:36-37)***

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**The people living in that region begged Jesus to leave them, out of fear and selfishness.**



***<sup>38</sup>But the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him that he might accompany Him; but He sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your house and describe what great things God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city what great things Jesus had done for him.***

***(Luke 8:38-39)***

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**The healed man begged Jesus to allow him to accompany Jesus, because he wanted to be with Jesus.**



**Jesus Came Up  
And Spoke To Them, Saying**

**ALL AUTHORITY  
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO ME  
IN HEAVEN AND  
ON EARTH**  
Matthew 28:18

**Jesus is God incarnate! As such, He not only wields authority over the physical world, but also over the spirit world.**

***But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,***

***(1 Timothy 4:1)***



***19What do I mean then? That a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.***

***(1 Corinthians 10:19-20)***

***10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.***



**(Ephesians 6:10-11)**



***<sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.***



**(Ephesians 6:12)**

***<sup>13</sup>Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.***

**(Ephesians 6:13)**





Our spiritual battles we face in this world are won in the spiritual realm. Thus, we need to walk by faith and not by sight, standing firm in our faith in Jesus.

***<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.  
<sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God;***

***(1 John 4:1-2)***



***<sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world. <sup>4</sup>You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.***

***(1 John 4:3-4)***



# *Spiritual* **WARFARE**

The Holy Spirit in us is greater than the spirits in the world. Thus, we should rely on the Holy Spirit's protection, guidance, and empowerment.