

Discussion Questions
 Luke 8:26-39 (The Demon-Possessed Man)

1. Why did the demon fear Jesus (Luke 8:28)?
2. Why did Jesus ask for the unclean spirit's name (Luke 8:30)? What is the significance of Jesus knowing its name?
3. Why would one unclean spirit want to live among the tombs (Luke 8:27) and another one drawn to a synagogue (Luke 4:33)?
4. Compare and contrast the responses to Jesus' act of deliverance between the man delivered (Luke 8:38-39) and the villagers (8:35-37). Why were the responses so different? How would you have responded?



Proverbs 22:1 (NIV)

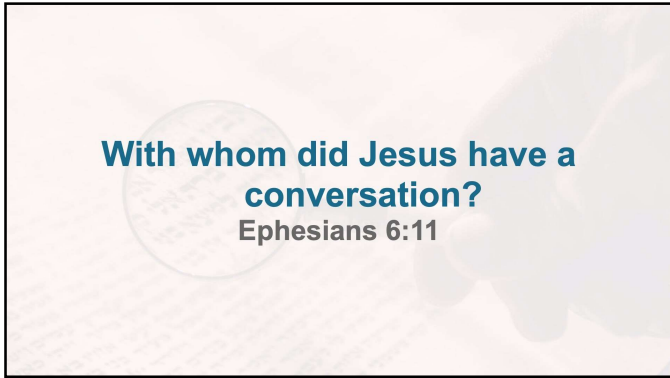
1 A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold.

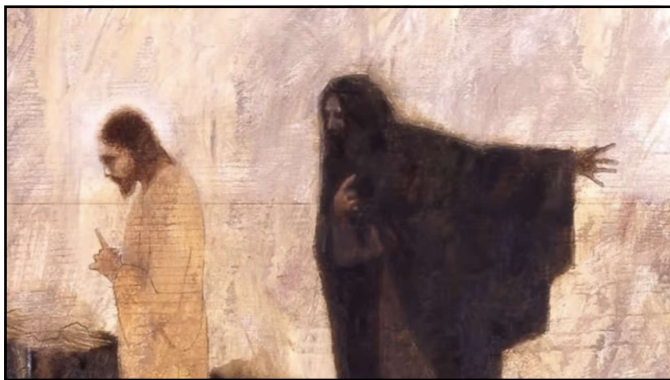
What is Your Name?

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Luke 8:26-30

1 What appeals to us is an indicator of what is in us (spiritually).

Luke 8:27







Ephesians 6:10-13 (NIV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities...

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Ephesians 6:10-13 (NIV)

...against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Spiritual Battle



4 WAYS WE CREATE OUR OWN LEGION

1. Lies - Things we tell ourselves
2. Lifestyle - How we choose to live.
3. Limiting Thought Patterns - a false perception we own that we can't do something.
4. Lordship - Who we decide to give rulership over our life.

Luke 8:30

10 Negative Thought Patterns

As a man thinks, so is he. — Proverbs 23:7

Luke 8:30

10 Common Negative Thoughts Patterns

1. All-or-Nothing Thinking
2. Overgeneralization
3. Mental Filter (pick 1 negative out of 20 positive)
4. Discount the positive
5. Jumping to Conclusions

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 Luke 8:30

10 Common Negative Thoughts Patterns

- 6. Magnification/minimization
- 7. Emotional reasoning
- 8. "Should" statements
- 9. Labelling
- 10. Personalization and blame

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5 Ways to Overcome

- 1. Identify your distortions
- 2. Challenge your thinking
- 3. Compassionate self-talk
- 4. Seek support
- 5. Positive/Negative Outcomes

Luke 8:30

Demons offer a deal
 Luke 8:31-33

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)

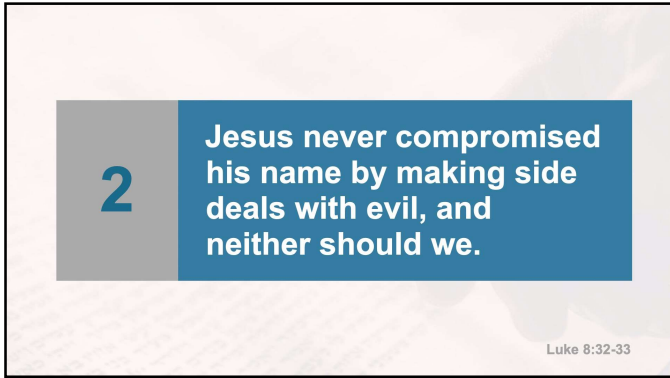
5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

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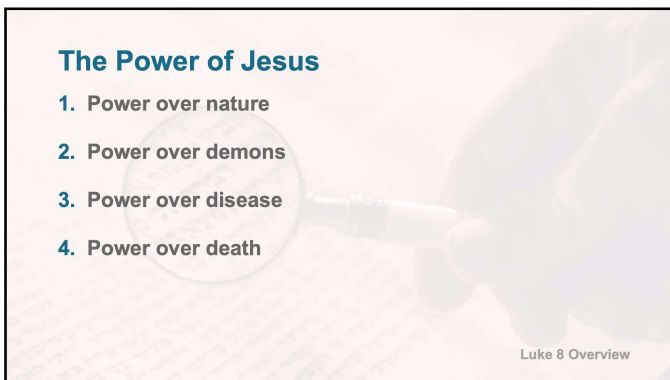
3 For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. **4** The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

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2 Jesus never compromised his name by making side deals with evil, and neither should we.

Luke 8:32-33



The Power of Jesus

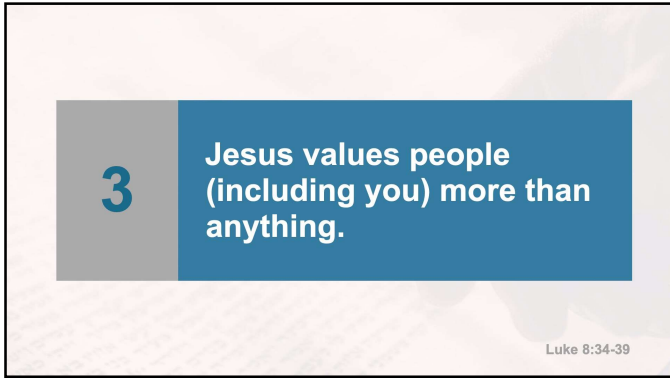
1. Power over nature
2. Power over demons
3. Power over disease
4. Power over death

Luke 8 Overview



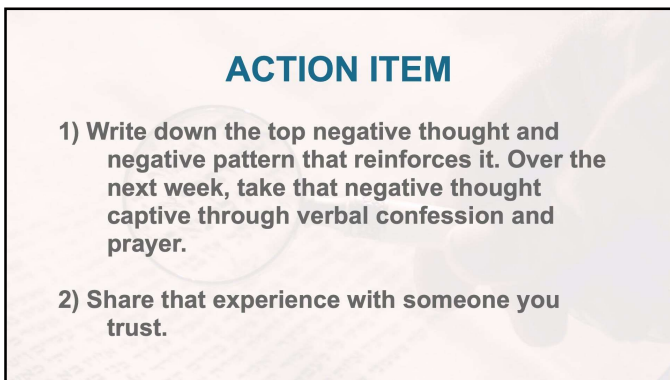
Compassion Costs
Luke 8:34-39

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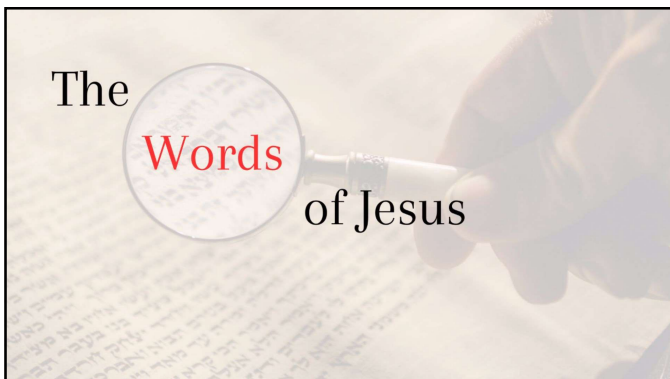
3 Jesus values people (including you) more than anything.

Luke 8:34-39



ACTION ITEM

- 1) Write down the top negative thought and negative pattern that reinforces it. Over the next week, take that negative thought captive through verbal confession and prayer.
- 2) Share that experience with someone you trust.



The **Words** of Jesus
