



Praying as families for those oppressed by demonic possession.

Day 18

During Jesus' earthly ministry, encounters with individuals possessed by demons were common. These evil spirits inflicted physical ailments and prolonged oppression. Even in Paul's missionary journeys, he came across people grappling with the influence of evil spirits. The reality of demonic possession, manifested in ways beyond human comprehension, is well-documented in God's Word.

Even today we frequently hear stories of deliverance from demonic possessions through the power of God's presence. The families of those oppressed by demons face immense struggles, unsure of when and how the possessed person may react. However, the Lord, who has bestowed upon us power and authority over these forces, calls us to intercede for these individuals and their families, that they may find deliverance.

The man possessed in Gerasene, as recounted in Mark 5, exhibited such extraordinary strength that no one could restrain him, not even with chains. He lived in isolation, engaging in self-harm and crying out. These are common manifestations of demonic possession. Yet, when he encountered Jesus, he pleaded for mercy and fell at His feet, acknowledging Jesus' authority over the evil spirits within him.

A common observation in those possessed is their fear when the name of Jesus is spoken. Missionaries share how manifestations occur in villages during worship or prayer meetings that glorify Jesus. His powerful name brings deliverance, leading many to a transformative relationship with God. Families oppressed for years now share the joy of their new life in Christ.

Let us stand in the gap and pray in the name of Jesus for those suffering from demonic possession. The Lord's name is above all, and through fervent prayer, we seek deliverance for



families struggling with the influence of evil spirits.

Sometimes demonic forces can manifest in various forms, such as possessions of material things or people. When our possessions take undue focus, and begin to control our lives, those are also influenced by the evil one. They could be good things like material blessings such as cars or houses, or even our families too. The danger is when these possessions of ours begin to possess us or take control of our lives. So, the enemy uses possessions of every kind to hinder our worship and focus on the true God Jesus Christ.

Pray for deliverance from all forms of possession that distract us from true worship and focus on Jesus. The joyful ending of this incident of the man at the Gerasene, is Jesus' commission to him, to go among his own people and tell them, what the Lord has done for him and how he has had mercy on him (Mark 6:19). Let's pray that each of them delivered will become a channel of blessing to the many who need such deliverance.

LET US PRAY

Lord we pray for those families who are directly under possessions of the evil spirit and also those in the church who are possessed by things that draws them away from you. In Jesus Name we call out for deliverance among such oppressed families, the ones who are ignorant about the salvation that comes through Christ. Lord, as you went in search of this man who was alone in Gerasene, we pray for you to deliver our brothers and sisters who are lonely and oppressed by these forces of darkness. We pray that they will be willing to surrender themselves to Christ and His power and experience a life that is full and abundant in Him. In Jesus Name we pray AMEN.

