



## A Friend of the Oppressed

Jesus: The Caring Friend - Part 7 of 8

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**Big Idea:** When we yield our lives fully to Christ and cooperate with His transformation process, He frees us from the hurts, habits, hang-ups and spiritual powers that are destroying our lives and liberates us to serve others.

**Text:** Luke 8:26-39

Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" – Luke 8:30a

A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. – Luke 8:32-33

### I. SIN HAS THE POTENTIAL \_\_\_\_\_.

**What are some of the common things to which we become addicted?**

**A.** \_\_\_\_\_.

Wine is a mocker and beer a brawler; whoever is led astray by them is not wise. – Proverbs 20:1

**B.** \_\_\_\_\_.

Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, or drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags. – Proverbs 23:20-21

And put a knife to your throat if you are given to gluttony. Do not crave his delicacies, for that food is deceptive. – Proverbs 23:2-3

**C.** \_\_\_\_\_.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body. – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**D.** \_\_\_\_\_.

For the prostitute reduces you to a loaf of bread, and the adulteress preys upon your very life. Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned? Can a man walk on hot coals without his feet being scorched? – Proverbs 6:26-28

E. \_\_\_\_\_.

People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. – 1 Timothy 6:9-11

## II. JESUS HAS THE POWER \_\_\_\_\_.

And the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. – Luke 8:35

## III. \_\_\_\_\_ TO LIBERATION.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ the Problem.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ completely to Jesus Christ.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.  
– Ephesians 5:18

C. Determine that you \_\_\_\_\_ liberated, not just forgiven.

D. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to another believer.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. – James 5:16

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken. – Ecclesiastes 4:12

E. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ for victory.

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. – Joel 2:12-13

**F. As much as possible, \_\_\_\_\_ the source of temptation.**

“If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.”

– Matthew 18:8-9

**G. Anticipate \_\_\_\_\_ from some of your former friends.**

Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. – Luke 8:37

**H. Look for some opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_.**

The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return home and tell how much God has done for you.” So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. – Luke 8:38-39