

The Love of God

Mark 5: 1-20

Introduction: The love God pours into us is a very special love.

I. The story.

A. The man and the demon

1. Legion, because they were many.
2. He was banished to a cave, tied with chains, and lead a tortured life.

B. The townspeople

1. Begged Jesus to leave
2. feared Him and His power

II. God's love responds to requests

A. Spoken requests

1. The demons asked for mercy and received it.
2. The townspeople asked Jesus to leave and He did.
3. The Israelites asked for a king and God gave them one. (I Sam. 8)

B. Unspoken requests

1. The possessed man wanted to be healed but didn't ask for it.
2. The Spirit interceded for this man according to Romans 8:26-27.

III. God's love is infectious.

A. The possessed man's example.

1. He went throughout the Decapolis witnessing for Christ.
2. In Mark 7:31 we see the results of his witness.

IV. God's love seeks us out.

A. The possessed man.

1. He went to the Gerasenes looking for that man.
2. He sought Paul on the road to Damascus.
3. He sought me in a small, country church in 1980.

Conclusion: God's love is causing Him to seek a relationship with you today, either a new relationship, or a deeper one.