

RUNNING WITH JESUS

.....ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE...

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us.:2 We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.:3 Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up.:4 After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

Luke 8:40 On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him.

Luke 8:36 Then those who had seen what happened told the others how the demon-possessed man had been healed.

Luke 8:37 And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake.

Luke 8:38 The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying,

Luke 8:39 "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.

INTRODUCTION

**THERE ARE NO CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS WHEN WE ARE
COMMANDED TO RUN THIS RACE!,
YOU DONT GET A PASS BECAUSE YOURE OLDER AND YOUVE
BEEN SERVING IN CHURCH FOR A 100 YEARS!
I AM GOING TO EXTEND SOME OF YOUR LIVES TODAY BY
TEACHING YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT RUNNING THIS RACE. THERE
ARE PEOPLE WHO DIE BEFORE THEY WERE DESIGNED TO**

1 Corinthians 11:30 That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

1 Corinthians 11:31 But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged by God in this way.

IT BREAKS MY HEART TO SEE PEOPLE STUCK. STUCK IN PAST PAIN, STUCK IN DEAD END JOBS, STUCK IN A LIMITED WORLD THEY CREATED. IT HURTS EVEN MORE WHEN THE PERSON HAS THE WAYMAKER LIVING INSIDE BUT THEY WONT LET HIM MAKE A WAY FOR THEM.

IF YOU HAVE IT ALL TOGETHER AND YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME THINKING, TALKING AND POSTING ABOUT HOW MESSED UP OTHER PEOPLE ARE.... I AM NOT YOUR GUY. BUT IF YOU HAVE EVER FELT BEAT UP, IF YOU HAVE EVER MADE DECISIONS YOU WISH YOU COULD DO OVER, IF YOU HAVE EVER SAID ANYTHING YOU WISH YOU COULD TAKE BACK.....I AM YOUR MAN!

BUT JESUS HAD A CHANCE TO GET STUCK IN THE GERASENES BUT HIS HEART WAS ALREADY.....ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE.

WE RUN WITH PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE

Luke 8:37 And all the people in the region of the Gerasenes begged Jesus to go away and leave them alone, for a great wave of fear swept over them. So Jesus returned to the boat and left, crossing back to the other side of the lake.

- TEST OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD

THE MOST HUMBLING PLACE IN LIFE IS THE PLACE OF BEING MISUNDERSTOOD

WE RUN WITH OUR EYES ON JESUS

Luke 8:22 One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's cross to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and started out.
Luke 8:23 As they sailed across, Jesus settled down for a nap. But soon a fierce storm came down on the lake. The boat was filling with water, and they were in real danger.

THE DISCIPLES HAVE LAKE PTSD

- **IT MADE SENSE TO BE SCARED**

- **RECONNECTED TO A SLEEPING JESUS**

OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE OTHER SIDE

Luke 8:40 On the other side of the lake the crowds welcomed Jesus, because they had been waiting for him.

- **PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER BECAUSE SOMEBODY IS WAITING FOR YOU**

- **A WOMAN HAS BLED FOR 12 YEARS**

WE RUN THROUGH HOSTILITY

- **THE PEOPLE DID NOT WANT HIM**

HE HAD FIXED A MAJOR ISSUE FOR THEM BUT THAT DID NOT MAKE THEM LOVE HIM

- **THAT DID NOT MAKE THEM BAD PEOPLE IT MADE THAT PLACE TEMPORARY**

- A LITTLE GIRL DIED AT 12 YEARS

YOU ARE LOOKING AT A MAN WHOSE FELT STUCK. A MAN WHO HAS QUIT A HUNDRED TIMES OVER THE PAST 34 YEARS. I TRIED TO QUIT TWO YEARS AGO. I WAS HURT BY OTHER PEOPLE AND I WAS DISAPPOINTED IN MYSELF. MY PASTOR AND JESUS HELPED ME CROSS THE LAKE.....ONE MORE TIME

NOT LONG AFTER THAT A YOUNG MAN IN OUR CHURCH WITH SOME MENTAL CAPACITY ISSUES CAME UP TO ME AFTER SERVICE.. BISHOP I GOT MY PERMIT. BISHOP I GOT MY LICENSE. TWO WEEKS AGO HE SAID I WANT TO GIVE THIS TO YOU....\$20.

HE WAS WAITING FOR ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE...

THEN THERES JOBETH AND ERIC.SHE CANT WALK AND HAS ONLY LIMITED MOVEMENT IN HER ARMS. SHES SMART BUT HER SPEECH IS IMPACTED BY THE PARALYSIS. SHE GOT SAVED. BAPTIZED. NOW SHE SINGS IN THE CHOIR...

HE SAYS BISHOP, YOU'RE OUR HERO AND I DONT HAVE THE COURAGE TO TELL HIM THAT HIS HERO ALMOST QUIT BEFORE HE GOT THERE...

HE AND JOBETH WELCOMED ME ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE....