

## GOM #4: MARK 5:1-20 CHAIN BREAKER AND LIFE CHANGER

### *The Miracle of a Transformed Life*

**K1** In 1950s, New York City streets were battlegrounds. Center of that chaos was Nicky Cruz, leader of the feared Mau Maus gang. By 17, Nicky was running with weapons, hardened by a life of violence, rejection, and demonic darkness. His parents had called him "Son of Satan." **U THOUGHT**. He was angry, dangerous, and totally unreachable. Skinny preacher named David Wilkerson 26, Penn, called by God preach after reading gang members trial murder. One day on streets, Wilkerson told Nicky, "Jesus loves you." Nicky spat in his face and threatened to kill him. But Wilkerson just kept coming back—again and again. Finally, Nicky showed up to Revival Meeting St. Nicolas Arena to make a scene. Filled rival gangs. But instead, he heard the gospel. That night, with tears streaming down his face, the violent gang leader gave his life to Jesus. **Everything changed**. He turned in his weapons. He asked forgiveness. He began preaching. **That's what Jesus Came to Do. Break Chains Change Lives** **SD**

- Do you believe that the gospel still has the power to transform lives today? Not just in theory, for you/others? **Is your life a demonstration of the life-transforming power of the gospel.. ENOUGH TO BRING HOPE?**

**K2** **MP: Transformation is the Holy Spirit-empowered process through Christ's gospel by which God changes a person from the inside out. Why Jesus came** **SD**

**KV: We are changing the way we see things.. expectations. Not spectators There is a God. Rez brought His power r lives. We live for His purpose.**

**J Shows takes conviction, courage, and will to be a part of CHANGE He BRINGS. MAN**

**K3** **JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO BE WILLING TO CROSS LINES. COUNT THE COST** **SD**

**CROSSED DISTANCE AND RESISTANCE – OPPOSING STORM.**

- Accused. Arises. Rebukes: **UNECESSARY. REBUKE** (active resistance)

**CROSSED RELIGIOUS LINES: All Says Go Away. The tombs. Land. Pigs UNCLEAN**

- Samaritan Woman – Jesus Crosses the Line. Ethnic. Relig. Gend Bound
  - o What bothered Jesus – religious leaders used fabricated lines excuse themselves helping others. **EXPOSED US vs THEM – GOOD SAMARITAN**

**CROSSED SOCIAL BOUNDARIES**

- Society's solution Cancel. Quarantine. Settled dispositions Attitudes.

**K4** **When others gave up. Jesus showed up. Jesus was willing to go as far as God's mercy would take Him.** **SD**

**K5** **We r called to courageously cross human-engineered lines for the sake of others.** **SD**

**As divisions grow in our nation, you have to be willing to go as far as God's mercy will take you. GOD'S MERCY KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES – RESTRAINS JONAH SPIRIT**

- Reject isolationism. staying in safety subculture silos. Press thru distance/resistance. Go to them. **Charlie Kirk College Campuses**

**K6** **JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES TO CONFRONT THE REAL ISSUE** **SD**

**DEMONIC INFLUENCE REAL PROBLEM** Demonic Presence Had Agency. Will.

- LEGION? – **WHY ASK? EVIL HAS TO BE NAMED. Not information/revelation**

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

**K7** What remains vague will remain victorious.

**IMPORTANT TO CALL OUT INDICATORS OF EVIL INFLUENCE: SD**

Not every destructive behavior is demon possession, but all sin and brokenness are influenced by the evil one. **WE SEE IN THIS MANS LIFE – IDEOLOGIES TODAY**

- **Dehumanization:** Man robbed of imago dei, dignity and relationship. Ideologies reduce humans to consumers. Accidents of biology, seek to contort the beauty of biological gender, and biblical marriage.
- **Devaluation** – Consumed violence: Ideologies that treat human beings as disposable, beginning at birth, breeds violence in every corner of society

**K8** If we can't collectively agree to value and protect life at its earliest and most vulnerable stage, why would we have the incentive to value and protect life in any other stage? **SD**

- **Destruction: Evil turns people inward.** Hopeless. Despair. Resort to self-destruction as the only means of relief. Cutting, Suicide, Drug use. Addictions.

**K9** We are called to courageously confront the spiritual realities in society today. Know what ur battling. If you misdiagnose the disease, you'll prescribe the wrong cure. **SD**

- **Fundamentally spiritual issues that require a spiritual solution.**

**K10** JESUS TAUGHT HD THAT HE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO BRING REAL CHANGE

This man suffered fully aware and fully possessed. TOTALLY REJECTED WHO WOULD HELP HIM? **I KNOW WHAT THAT LOOKS LIKE. Pain of Possession and power JC SD**

- **RESCUE MISSION** – BROUGHT SALVATION AND HOPE. WITH AUTHORITY From howls in the night to sitting in peace. From cutting his body to being clothed in dignity. From a life wasted to a mission embraced.

- Not a surface-level rebranding – deep soul transformation. **CHRISTIANITY**
  - o Jesus Has the Power to do That. **WHY HE DIED AND ROSE - LIFE**

**K11** We are called to courageously live in the authority and power of Jesus Christ so that lives can be rescued and transformed.

Our nation today is suffering under influence of evil. **SAME AUTHORITY SD**

If Jesus can free a man bound by 6K demons... if He can take a gang leader called 'Son of Satan' and make him a son of God... then He can step into your life, into our nation, into this moment.

Real Enemy is Satan, not people. Evil doesn't get the last word. Transformed R Sent

**K12** Who will hear about Jesus this week because of you. This time make His name great