**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. July 29, 2018**

**Testimony: Don’t Plead The Fifth**

Mark 5:18-20

**Key truth:** Your testimony is what Jesus uses to bring glory to God and is a means of proclaiming the gospel to a lost world.

**Why We Don’t Share Our Testimony/The Gospel:**

1. We don’t know where to start.

2. We are afraid of rejection.

3. We don’t think our story has any significance.

4. We don’t think we know enough of the Bible.

**A Man Living Among The Dead.** Mark 5:1-18

1. His condition - He was like a dead man among the living.

2. His deliverance – Only through Jesus Christ was he

 delivered from his spiritual condition.

3. His request after his deliverance – He wanted to remain

 with Jesus and become one of his traveling disciples.

**The Power Of Your Testimony:** Mark 5:19-20

1. Jesus understood the power of the man’s testimony.

 A. Jesus gave him a Kingdom assignment.

2. Invitation – our testimony invites others to experience

 the life changing power of Jesus Christ.

3. Proclamation- Our testimony is all about telling God’s

 story through our lives.

4. Salvation – Our testimony could be the catalyst in

 someone believing in Jesus Christ.

**Taking It Beyond the Walls:** Ask God to show you how to use your testimony to minister to people in your family and everyday life.

**Food For Thought**

For the week of July 29, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

When is the last time Jesus did something in your life that made you feel like the man in this story?

How was the man supposed to use his freedom? What mission did Jesus give him?

Read Joshua 2:17-20: Who was saved when Rehab placed the scarlet thread outside her window at the time of the destruction of Jericho?

Read John 4:39-42: Who was saved when the woman at the well met Jesus?

Read Acts 10:23-25: Who was saved when Cornelius heard the Gospel?

Read Acts 16:14-15: Who was saved when Lydia came to Christ?

Read Acts 16:31Who was saved when the Philippian jailer believed?

Make a list of people you know who need salvation. Pray for them and look for ways to share your testimony:

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