

B.L.E.S.S.: Tell Your Story Regularly

(Mark 5:1-8, 15, 18-20)

Introduction

People love to tell stories! Get a bunch of guys together at the local coffee shop, deer camp, on the sidelines at a high school football game, or leaning across the hood of a truck anywhere and you will hear many stories. Some of them are repeatable, other are not.

Sometimes, people ask questions like, “Where are you from?” How did you end up with you current job?” Your response is with a part of your story.

Christians in other countries will engage other Christians in conversation by asking them their Jesus story.

The point is sharing your life story is something you do every day, in one form or another.

Contextualize this sermon in the B.L.E.S.S. series.

Contextualize Mark 5.

I. Transformation of a Life

Principle: *When HIS story intersects your story, transformation results.*

A) His Condition – far from Jesus (v. 1-5)

B) The Intersection (v. 6-8)

C) His Transformation (v. 15a)

II. Admonition to Tell His Story (v. 18-20)

Principle: *Your story, after Christ, is the most effective way to move others toward Jesus beginning with those nearest you.*

A) The Importance of his story (v. 19)

B) The Recipients of his story (v. 19)

C) The Response to his story (v. 20)

III. Instruction Concerning Your Story

A) By the way you live your life.

B) By including Jesus in your story.

C) By telling your transformation story regularly.

Conclusion.

What is your story?

Who needs to hear your story?

When will you tell them your story?