

Push & Pull: Embracing the Tensions of Our Faith

Week One: The Rhythm of BEING & DOING

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Oftentimes, as God's men, we face crossroads in our lives where decisions must be made. The decisions are not always simply between what is *right* and what is *wrong*, but rather in discerning what is God's *will* for our lives. In our desire to live on mission for Jesus we are often confronted with the choice...do I stay, or should I go? Am I to endure...or am I to move out in faith? When is God's man called to remain and build up and when is he called forward to take new territory? Oftentimes we are called to both, to living out the beautiful rhythms of STAYING and GOING.

Mark 5 & Luke 8

Evil separates us from _____ and _____ we love.

"Stay alert! WATCH OUT for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." – 1 Peter 5:8

He _____ and then he _____.

The enemy seeks to give us a _____.

Evil will always make us _____.

Read Mark 5:6-8

Just like the man in the story, the first step of both our obedience and our healing is always _____.

"A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was SITTING there fully clothed and PERFECTLY SANE, and they were all afraid." – Mark 5:15

"As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed BEGGED TO GO WITH HIM." – v. 18

"No...GO HOME TO YOUR FAMILY, and TELL THEM EVERYTHING THE LORD HAS DONE for you and how merciful he has been." – v. 19

To us is _____, and to Jesus are the _____ and _____.

We need to start spreading the Good News _____.

Our greatest opportunity for influence, begins in _____ and _____ relationships that God already has us in.

“Yes, each of you should REMAIN AS YOU WERE when God called you.” – 1 Corinthians 7:20

The greatest _____ begins with _____.

“Therefore GO....” – Matthew 28:18

The heart that stays does so to _____, just like the heart that _____.

God’s man _____ on order to make _____.

Discipleship: John 8:31, Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1

And where are we supposed to go? _____.

“Be sure of this, I am with you ALWAYS, even to the end of the age.” – Matthew 28:20

He offers a better promise....the promise of _____.

For Discussion:

1. Is there a place or a space in your life that God is calling you STAY? What is needed for you to do that in faith & obedience?
2. Make a list (or brainstorm out loud) of the people God has placed in your life where you could begin to share the Good News. What surprised you about this list?
3. Has anything kept you from GOING into the spaces and places the Lord has called you? What must change in order to respond in obedience in your “going”?