

## 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”?