

Begging for the wrong thing

Mark 5:1-20

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- Background to the story:
 - Jesus comes to the country of the Gerasenes.
 - Jesus is immediately met by a man from the tombs.
 - Powerful, demon possessed man.
 - Demons are dispossessed from the man.
 - Sent to possess pigs
 - Man has been refined.

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- Let's notice all the instances of begging in the text.
 - Begging not to be tormented.- vs. 7
 - Begging not to be sent out of the country.- vs. 10
 - Begging to be sent to the pigs.- vs. 11
 - Begging for Jesus departure.- vs. 17
 - Begging to stay with Jesus.- vs. 18

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- Why this begging was the wrong thing.
 - Because... the demons were begging not to have to obey. Begging to be able to torment others.
 - Because... the citizens needed what Jesus had to offer
 - Because... the healed man needed to share his story with others.

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- We beg today for.....
 - Peace, Prosperity, Comfort, Safety, and Luxury.
- This has produced.....
 - Laziness and complacency
 - Avoidance and Fear
- We need to be begging for.....
 - The ability and determination to do God's will.