

THE PIT AND THE VILLAGE

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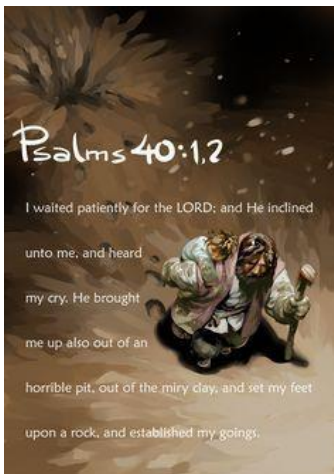
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MARK 8:23-26

There will be times in our walk with Jesus that we will find ourselves in a place we cannot with our own human strength break away from. We forget that we are involved in a Spiritual War against a fallen angel and his army of demons. Sometimes because of our negligence of our spiritual devotions we manage to end up in a “Pit of Discouragement,” “Pit of Depression,” “Pit of Bondage” or whatever pit you might find yourself in. The only Person that can lead you out of that demonic pit or like Luke reveals to us in verse 23,

‘...led him out of the village...’ is Jesus.

Playing with Sin led us to that ‘Demonic Village’ and it will take the power of the Holy Spirit to lead you out of it. The power of God will destroy that demonic power that has many Christians as slaves in that dark satanic village.



set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.” Ps. 40:2

This ‘Demonic Village’ is an evil pit that the Christian has fallen in because of playing with sin or becoming a lazy Christian and not taking care of his spiritual life. **JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE THAT CAN BRING YOU OUT OF THAT PIT!**

“He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He

*** HOW CAN WE BE DELIVERED FROM THIS PIT? DEMONIC VILLAGE?**

ALLOW JESUS TO TAKE YOU OUT OF YOUR VILLAGE

You need to trust God that He is the only One that can take you out of your ‘Pit of Destruction’ or ‘Demonic Village’

“And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” Mark 8:23

The blind man trusted Jesus to lead him out of that village he was living in and did not resist.

Why did Jesus take him out of that village?

Because the people who were living there did not want anything to do with Jesus. (Lot and Sodom and Gomorrah)

These people living in that demonic village were probably devil worshippers and involved in witchcraft.

‘...but one sinner destroys much good.’ Eccl. 9:18b

Many Christians because of playing with sin have been under satanic oppression and fallen into a pit they cannot come out. They are the prisoners of that ‘Demonic Village’ that Luke spoke of in scripture.

Many Christians cannot see they are trap in that ‘Village’ because sin has blinded their eyes.

It is only when they realize after trying for a long time to break away from that ‘Demonic Village,’ that only God can bring them out!

He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.” Ps. 40:2

Recognize and humble yourself and call upon God to set you free and bring you out of that ‘Miry Clay’ you have been sinking in for a long time.

And (JESUS) took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village....” Verse 2

God is waiting for you to call upon Him so He can come to your rescue and bring you out of that ‘Pit of Destruction’ and that ‘Demonic Village’

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ALLOW JESUS TO RESTORE YOUR LOVE FOR HIM AGAIN

God will not restore your love for Him in the pit of destruction or in that demonic village. Allow God to take you out of your pit or the evil village that you are living in. You must repent of your sins and turn away from your bad habits and Jesus will lead you out. Only when Jesus has brought you out of your pit and your village can He restore your love for Him once again. Restoration and healing will begin after your deliverance from your pit and your village. You must be willing to walk a holy life! No more playing with sin!

The Christian who was being destroyed in the ‘Pit of Destruction’ was not restored until he was delivered and taken out of the pit.

“And He set my feet upon a rock making my footsteps firm.” Ps. 40:2b

When God sets your feet back on the Rock, then your restoration will begin, and you are on your road back to loving God again. Guard your spiritual life with all your heart so that the devil does not trick you again and lead you back to the pit. The Christian that is being kept in bondage in that ‘Demonic Village’ will be delivered and restored once Jesus leads them out of there.

“And he took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village, and when he had spit on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, “Do you see anything?” And he looked up and said, “I see people,

but they look like trees, walking.” Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he opened his eyes, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.” Mark 8:23-25 ESV



This man was in such bad shape that Jesus needed to touch him two times to open his eyes! The devil’s plan is to destroy you in the ‘Pit of Destruction’ and in his ‘Demonic Village.’ Jesus will respond to your cry if you call to Him to help you if you find yourself in your pit or village!

“To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.” Ps. 28:1 ESV

God loves you and sent His Son to die for you. He will come to your rescue. He will restore your love for Him again.

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OBEY GOD’S WORD AND DON’T GO BACK TO THAT VILLAGE

Once God delivers you from your bondage in the pit and the village that you were living in, guard your heart.

Jesus said it this way, “And he sent him to his home, saying, “Do not even enter the village.”

Jesus is commanding us to put a guard on our hearts so that we will not fall into that ‘Pit of Destruction’ again. Don’t go back to your old ways! Allow God to renew your mind, **“Do not even enter the village.** Stop hanging around people in the ‘Demonic Village’ and stop playing with sin because it will blind you as you walk in this dark world and you will stumble into that dark pit again.

The Bible says, **“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or**

what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; ...,” 1Cor. 6:14-16

Remember that your mind is the battlefield and the devil will try to capture your mind by his evil thoughts he throws at you all day. Guard your heart but also guard your mind because there the battle will be won or lost in spiritual warfare. Don't allow the devil to penetrate your mind with his trash. Renew your mind daily as you read and meditate on God's Word.

“to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” Eph. 4:22-24

If you say you are a Christian, then start walking like a Christian! Stay away from that ‘Demonic Village’ and start walking in the kingdom of light.

DEMONIC VILLAGE DEFINE:

- Hanging around non-Christians!
- Always allowing the devil to fill your mind with impure garbage!
- Addicted to porn on the Internet!
- Secret sin you play with: Adultery, drugs, cigarettes, fornication, alcohol and so on...

PIT OF DESTRUCTION DEFINE:

- Pit of depression!
- Pit of perversion!
- Pit of discouragement!
- Pit of spiritually dead! (Living like you on fire for God, no prayer life)
- Pit of wasting time! (Never surrendering to do God's will in ministry)
- Pit of religion! (You hear the Word but never practice it) and so on...

If we obey Jesus and do our part, then can we walk in victory in this ungodly world we live in. Remember that there are two kingdoms, God's kingdom of Light and the devil's kingdom of darkness. We are children of God and must walk in His light!

“for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit

of light is found in all that is good and right and true)” Eph. 5:8-9

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