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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

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Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Today we're going to see how the Lord Jesus cared for two demon-possessed men. Some people believe that since the Lord Jesus defeated Satan when He died on the cross and rose again that Satan has lost his power. But the Scriptures indicate the opposite is true. The Apostle Peter says in 1 Peter, Chapter 5: "Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the Devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour."

Some people actually seek out the forces of darkness involving evil spirits and occult practices. One man living in China told his story this way after being delivered from demon possession and converting to Christianity:

In 1877, a Chinese gentleman named Mr Kwo purchased pictures of some Chinese gods and displayed them in his house. He had a vivid dream in which a demon told him, "I have taken up living in your house."

This was the start of many disturbing things that happened in his home. Seized by an impulse, Kwo suddenly rose one night from his bed and went to a gambler's den, where he lost a large sum of money. After continued visits to the den for a night of gambling, he would return to his house, staggering along while frothing at the mouth. Then he became violent, attacking all who came near him.

When Mr Kwo's father heard of it, he visited his son. The son produced a gun from under his bed and fired at his father, but missed him. Mr Kwo was bound in chains and taken to a doctor, who gave him large doses of medicine without any effect.

For several days after this, Mr Kwo raved wildly as the evil spirit spoke through his mouth, commanding the family to burn incense and to submit to the demon world. A shrine was built in the house and the family, in great fear, worshipped Satan.

The evil spirit told the family how to perform miracles of healing on others and soon, people from neighbouring villages were flocking to the Kwo house. The demon said he had many inferior spirits subject to him and it was through the demon's assistance that Mr Kwo became skilful in healing diseases.

At this time, Mr Kwo was miserable and desperate. He heard of Jesus Christ and tore down his demon shrine. Soon afterwards, Kwo's little daughter died and her mother became very distressed, believing that the daughter's death was a consequence of offending the demon. But Mr Kwo replied that no matter what might happen, he was going to follow Christ.

A few days later, the demon returned for the last time. It spoke through Mr Kwo's voice to his wife. "If your husband is determined to be a Christian, this is no place for me. But I wish to tell you that I had nothing to do with the death of your child."

"What do you know of Jesus Christ?" she asked.

"Jesus Christ is the great Lord over all, and now I am going away and you will not see me again." The Kwo family was never plagued by evil spirits again. Mr Kwo became an effective evangelist in his area and his home became a centre for Bible teaching and fellowship.

There are many examples in the New Testament of Jesus and His followers casting out mind and body-controlling forces. One example occurred after Jesus' disciples saw Him calm the storm on the Lake of Galilee. The disciples then crossed over to the other side of the lake to the country of the Gadarenes. There they were met by two demon-possessed men. These men were controlled by evil spirits and harmed themselves and anyone else who came near them. Their strength was much greater than that of any normal person.

Today's Bible Adventure drama starts when Jesus and His disciples climbed out of the boat in the land of the Gadarenes.

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This particular incident is listed in Matthew and Luke, and both in chapters 8. Soundness of mind is very important for people to successfully live daily in a productive manner.

In Mark, Chapter 9, there's a case of a father bringing his son, who was controlled by a mute spirit, to the disciples for healing. The disciples were unable to cast out the demon and the matter was brought to Jesus. Jesus dealt with the evil spirit and cast it out. Later on in private, however, the disciples asked why they couldn't have achieved this. Jesus answered that this kind of evil spirit can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.

Should Christians be afraid of demons and their activities in this world? Just as the blood of the Lord Jesus can cleanse a sinner wanting to be owned by Jesus, so too is the blood of Jesus a protection for all believers who claim Him as their Lord and Saviour.

A missionary in Indonesia told how evil spirits would attack his wife Eleanor while he was away on preaching trips.

One morning, a former helper had walked into their yard, around the back and then out again without speaking to anyone. The helper had been previously dismissed because Eleanor had repeatedly caught her stealing.

Later that same day, Eleanor noticed something ugly on the edge of the lawn near the street. Although Eleanor didn't know its significance at that time, it was part of a curse ritual.

That same evening when Eleanor walked into the living room, she sensed that she was being surrounded by hostile spirits. Filled with fear, she whispered, "Jesus!" Then, "In Jesus' Name, get out of here, whatever you are, in Jesus' Name get out!" But nothing changed. Then she whispered, "Oh God show me what to do."

She got down on her face on the tile floor, covering her head with her arms. Then she spoke what she had never been taught: "The blood, Lord, the blood be over me, over the children, my husband wherever he is, this house, oh I don't know what is happening but the blood, Lord, the blood." The forces of evil receded and went. She sat up, wept and thanked God for delivering her.

Later, the family found out that the dismissed helper had brought a death curse to the house from a black witch. The curse was intended to stop Eleanor's heart out of fear. Those who are not Christians have no way to dispel such forces of evil. The missionary heard that an inability to kill Christians so frustrates Indonesian witches that some of them will no longer attempt it. Just as witches call on Satan and gain demonic assistance, when Christians call on Jesus, God's angels come to their aid and protection.

In Acts, Chapter 19, there is a warning for anyone attempting to cast out demons. God was performing unusual miracles through Paul. Even cast off pieces of material he had used could be taken to the sick and their diseases were driven away, with evil spirits also leaving them.

The seven sons of the Jewish High Priest, Sceva, travelled around like Jesus' apostles did and tried to drive out evil spirits in the name of the Lord Jesus too.

They said to one man with evil spirits, "I command you to leave in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches." But the evil spirit replied to them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?" Then the man with the evil spirit attacked them and overpowered them all.

The seven sons ran out of the house wounded and with their clothes torn off. All the Jews and Greeks in Ephesus heard about this. They were filled with fear and the name of the Lord Jesus was given even greater honour.

In Luke, Chapter 11, Jesus taught about unclean spirits and how they will return to the person they have been cast from, if the person doesn't dedicate themselves to God.

Jesus said: "When an evil spirit goes out of a person, it travels over dry country looking for a place to rest. If it can't find one, it says to itself, 'I will go back to my house.'" So it goes back and finds the house clean and all fixed up."

"Then it goes out and brings seven other spirits even worse than itself, and they come and live there. So when it is all over, that person is in worse shape than at the beginning." When an evil spirit is cast out of a person, the evil spirit must be replaced by God's Holy Spirit for the person to be in a better state than they were before.

Last century when a missionary was preaching in a Chinese village, his sermon was suddenly interrupted by a piercing cry. His co-worker Mr Kong whispered that an evil spirit had seized a man. A woman rushed towards them and asked for help for her husband. He'd been possessed by an evil spirit and it was going to kill him.

The two men visited the man's house and stepped over a dirty old dog lying in the doorway. They faced the madman. Mr Kong told the onlookers that Farmer Ho had been possessed by an evil spirit, but that our God, the 'Nothing-He-Cannot-Do One' is more powerful than any spirit. God would deliver this man. He spoke to the onlookers at the house, "First, you must promise that you will burn your idols and trust in Jesus, son of the Supreme Emperor." The people nodded.

Mr Kong and the missionary started singing: "Would you be free from your burden of sin? There's power in the blood of Jesus!" Then Mr Kong started praying fervently. Suddenly the old dog in the doorway jumped into the air, yelping, turning in circles and trying to snap its tail. Mr Kong kept praying and the dog abruptly dropped over, dead.

Immediately, the missionary thought of Luke, Chapter 8, and the demons of the Gadarenes who had flown invisibly into a herd of pigs. As Mr Kong finished praying, Farmer Ho seemed quiet and relaxed. Soon he was strong enough to burn his idols.

At his baptism shortly afterwards, he testified, "I was possessed by an evil spirit who boasted he had already killed five people and was going to kill me. But God sent Mr Kong at just the right moment and in Jesus, I am free."

Have you been freed from your burden of sin, which could include idolatry or demonic activities, through the blood of the Lord Jesus? Have today's Bible Adventure experiences awakened you to the understanding that evil spirits are ever ready to possess those with no protection from the Lord Jesus? There are generally two opposite beliefs among people about evil spirits: one group believes that because we can't see demons, they don't exist; while the other group takes an unhealthy curiosity in them and experiments with the forces of darkness to their own harm and loss.

Our whole life plan should be Psalm 34, Verse 14: "Depart from evil and do good."

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