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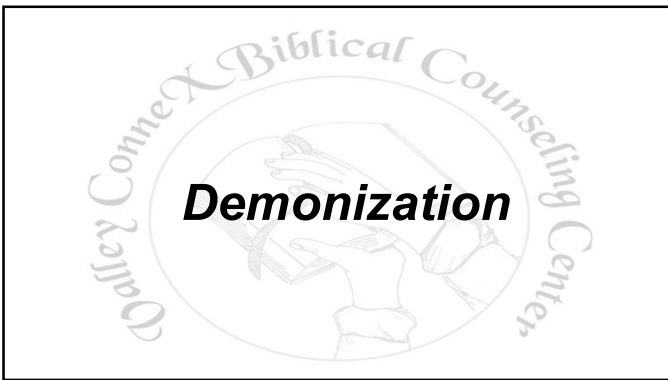
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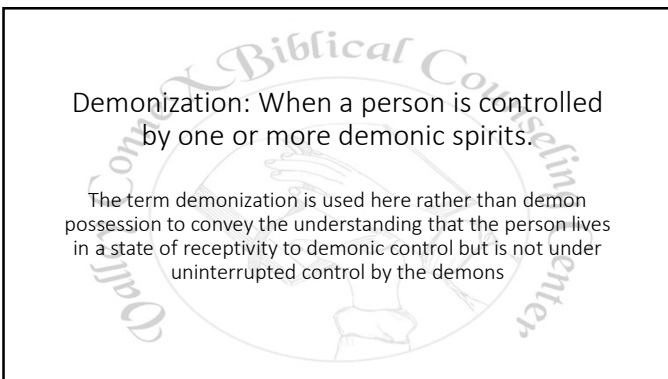
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Biblical examples of manifestations of demonization

- Inappropriate spontaneous outbursts.
  - Mark 1:23-24, 3:11; 5:5, Luke 4:33-34; Acts 8:7; 16:17
- Unhealthy isolation
  - Mark 5:3
- Self-destructive behavior
  - Mark 5:5, 9:21-22
- Displays of unusual physical strength
  - Mark 5:2-4

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Biblical examples of manifestations of demonization

- Violence
  - Acts 19:13-16
- Physical maladies
  - Mark 9:17-18
  - Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22-23
  - Luke 13:10-17

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Two key errors to avoid.

- Indiscriminately assigning demonic activity to any person or situation
  - Mark 3:22
- Summarily dismissing demonic activity
  - Ephesians 6:11

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.” C.S. Lewis, introduction to the *Screwtape Letters*.

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The presence of demonic control reveals a pattern of receptivity to the activity of the devil.

- This can be as subtle as a pattern of disobedience to God.
  - <sup>26</sup> Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and give no opportunity to the devil. Ephesians 4:26-27 (ESV)
  - <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 (ESV)

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The presence of demonic control reveals a pattern of receptivity to the activity of the devil.

- There are those who have purposely engaged in the kingdom of darkness
  - Practice of witchcraft, necromancy (attempting to contact the dead), spiritism (takes many forms but basically tries to connect with whatever spirit that may be of benefit to one's life) and practicing or consulting with fortune telling would be examples.
    - Leviticus 19:31; 20:6, 27; Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Acts 16:16

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Scripturally and prayerfully discern the difference between demonic control and satanic influence.

- In scripture God's judgment is applied to those who are choosing to act in rebellion under satanic influence.
  - Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5:1-11
  - Judas Matthew 26:20-25; John 13:21-30
  - Bar-Jesus (Elymas) Acts 13:4-12
- In scripture God's merciful deliverance through Jesus Christ is applied to those who have lost control to the demonic.
  - Mary Magdalene Luke 8:2
  - The Demonized man at Gadara Mark 5:1-20

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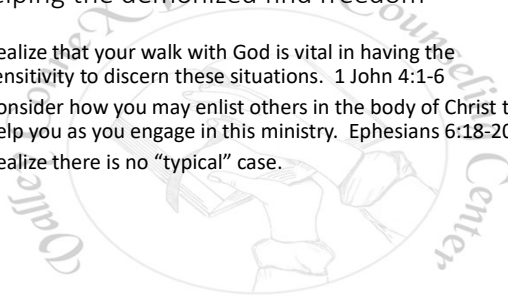
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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Realize that your walk with God is vital in having the sensitivity to discern these situations. 1 John 4:1-6
- Consider how you may enlist others in the body of Christ to help you as you engage in this ministry. Ephesians 6:18-20
- Realize there is no "typical" case.



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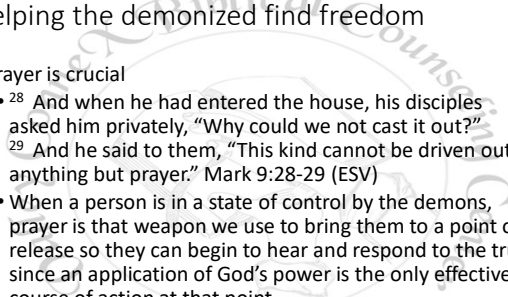
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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Prayer is crucial
  - <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"
  - <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer." Mark 9:28-29 (ESV)
- When a person is in a state of control by the demons, prayer is that weapon we use to bring them to a point of release so they can begin to hear and respond to the truth since an application of God's power is the only effective course of action at that point.



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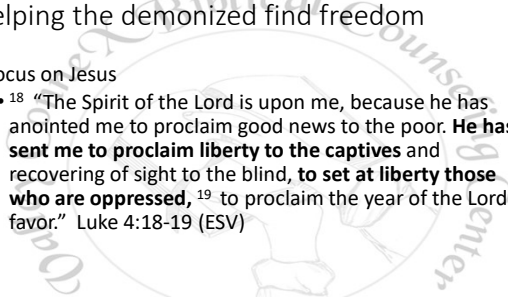
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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Focus on Jesus
  - <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives** and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty those who are oppressed,** <sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19 (ESV)



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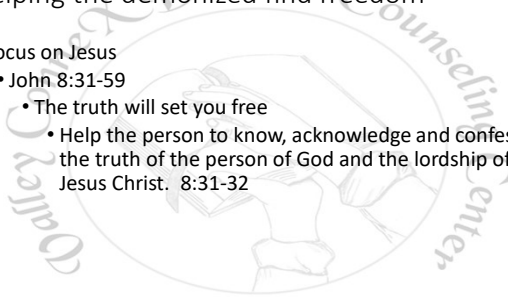
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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Focus on Jesus
  - John 8:31-59
    - The truth will set you free
    - Help the person to know, acknowledge and confess the truth of the person of God and the lordship of Jesus Christ. 8:31-32



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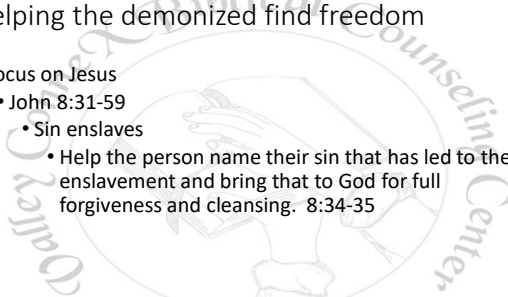
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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Focus on Jesus
  - John 8:31-59
    - Sin enslaves
    - Help the person name their sin that has led to their enslavement and bring that to God for full forgiveness and cleansing. 8:34-35



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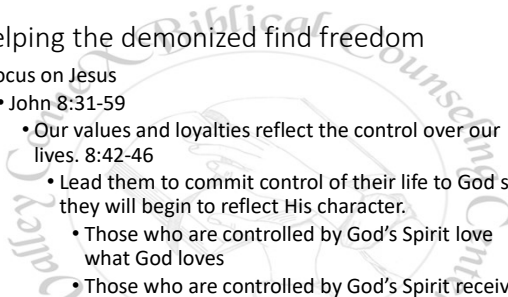
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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Focus on Jesus
  - John 8:31-59
    - Our values and loyalties reflect the control over our lives. 8:42-46
    - Lead them to commit control of their life to God so they will begin to reflect His character.
    - Those who are controlled by God's Spirit love what God loves
    - Those who are controlled by God's Spirit receive the teaching of God.



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Helping the demonized find freedom

- Focus on Jesus
  - John 8:31-59
    - Continued and lasting victory is found in consistently following God's Word. 8:48-51
    - Continue with the person until they are well on the road to discipleship and make sure they are connected to the body of Christ in such a way that they will continue to walk as a disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Keep in mind the astounding transforming power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- <sup>15</sup> And they came to Jesus and saw the demon-possessed man, the one who had had the legion, sitting there, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> And those who had seen it described to them what had happened to the demon-possessed man and to the pigs. <sup>17</sup> And they began to beg Jesus to depart from their region. <sup>18</sup> As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him. <sup>19</sup> And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> And he went away and began to proclaim in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him, and everyone marveled. Mark 5:15-20 (ESV)

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