

## **WELCOME**

### **Our Mission is to . . .**

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

**We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.**

**FHNew** - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church. Or for more information, stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS**: Fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen or the actual card on the seat back in front of you. Place your prayer request in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary. You can also send a prayer request using this form: [Prayer Request - Foothills Church](#). The staff and volunteers pray over these weekly.

**FHBaptism** - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, speak to an elder or staff member or **contact Foothills** at **208-853-0011** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

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## **ONGOING/UPCOMING**

- **MomCo** - [Foothills Moms Community- MomCo - Foothills Church](#)
- **Small Groups** - [Foothills Church \(churchcenter.com\)](#)
- **KidMin Volunteers needed** – Contact Pastor Steve Botsford at [steve@foothills.org](mailto:steve@foothills.org)
- **MOMENTUM**: Find out more here [Momentum | Foothills Christian Church](#)

## 2000 Pigs (Message 1 of 3)

Pastor Trent Renner

### Mark 5:1-20

*So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. 2 When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. 3 This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. 4 Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. 5 Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones. 6 When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him.*

*7 With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” 8 For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.” 9 Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” 10 Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. 11 There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. 12 “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.” 13 So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water.*

*14 The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. 15 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. 16 Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. 17 And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. 18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. 19 But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” 20 So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them. Mark 5:1-20 (NLT)*

### JUST FACTS

- Enslaved by Satan: Total submission
- A legion could be up to 5000
- Superhuman strength: He was able to break chains
- Isolation: Lived in the tombs, separate from society
- Self Harm: He would cry out and cut himself
- Nakedness: He wore no clothes
- Fear: The locals were terrified of him

**FREED BY JESUS**

- Demons recognized Jesus as the Son of God and begged
- Jesus's commands are all powerful, all authority
- Demons asked permission to enter the pigs
- 2000 pigs demonstrated the wildness he experienced and showed Jesus's compassion for the man
- The man was found sitting, clothed, and at peace
- Told to GO HOME and share what had happened to him and how merciful God was to him

**Billy's story (PART 1 of 3)**

Young age...dad . . . Studied Santeria . . . Soccer accident shattered elbow @ age 16 . . .  
PARKWAY CHURCH attendance... John at the Grocery Store...I-10 death scares.

**Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT)**

*"A final word: be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. 12 For we are not fighting against flesh and blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor, so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm."*

**The Devil hates Revelation 20:10**

*"Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." Revelation 20:10*

**When Jesus flexes His divinity, demons of darkness flee like a room full of cockroaches when you turn on the light!**

**Romans 8:31-39 (NLT)**

*"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since he did not spare even his own son, but gave him up for us all won't he also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one – for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one – for Christ Jesus died for us, and was raised to live for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.*

*Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? As the scriptures say, for your sake, we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep. No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.*

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels or demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow – not even the powers of health can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below – indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus, our Lord.” Romans 8:31-39*

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## **LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS**

Week of 10/05/2025

**CENTRAL THEME: When Jesus flexes His divinity, demons of darkness flee!**

### **ICE BREAKER:**

1. Tell the story of how someone scared you for fun.
2. What is your favorite candy bar?
3. No arguing allowed...should Christians fear, and /or participate in Halloween night?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Do you believe in Demon Possession, and do you think it is happening in today's era?
2. Mention and discuss anything that impacted you from this weekend's message.
3. Trent attached a chapter from His book set titled, "The Heaven Project." As the group leader/host, choose ahead of time whether you will read it and use it as a discussion point or not. No matter what you do, look up the following passages and discuss how they relate to this weekend's message.
  - Romans 12:1-2
  - Philippians 4:8-9
  - Psalm 139:7-18
  - Jeremiah 23:23-24
  - 1 John 1:5-9
4. Read and discuss how you all are doing regarding Ephesians 6:10-20

### **Now What?**

Remember: The Holy Spirit indwells the follower of Jesus. We ought to respect the power of Lucifer, but never fear it or him. Jesus conquers all. We have no power over the devil ourselves, but Jesus, who indwells us, does! Be strong and courageous.

**Read 1 John 4:15-19**

## **Prayer requests**

We love to pray for all types of situations (sickness, hospitalization, tough times, etc.). Let's also pray for those who are disconnected from God and for the courage to invite them into our community.

**The Momentum Spiritual Growth Challenge is a primary focus of ours from July 2025 to July 2027**

- Pray, Wednesdays, 1:16 PM
- 2-year Bible reading plan
- Serve once a month: [Me - Foothills Church](#)
- Join a Foothills Life Group: [Me - Foothills Church](#)
- Invite one person a quarter to attend Church
- Give financially above and beyond regular tithes and offerings.

**These things help build an unshakable community amongst us.**

## **Close in prayer**

Keep that empty chair in the circle to remind us that we can reach one more. Pray for the chair to be filled with a person who crosses one of our lines of sight or who is in our circles of influence.