

Series: “Outflow: outward-focused living in a self-focused world”

Part Two: “Fill ‘Er Up!”

Text: John 10:10

John 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life and that they may have it more abundantly.” (NKJV)

John 10:1 “The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).” (Amplified Bible)

John 10:10 “A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.” (Message Bible)

1. Does Relationships Differently

A. relationships can be self-serving

W.H. Auden: “Almost all of our relationships begin and most of them continue as forms of mutual exploitation, a mental or physical barter to be terminated when one or both parties runs out of goods.”

1. Why is this often true?

B. A relationship with _____ is different

Matthew 20:28 “The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (NKJV)

2. In what ways did Jesus exemplify this?

2. Comes To Jesus Differently

John 6:37 “The one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” (NKJV)

3. How can you help someone to better understand this truth?

3. With Jesus Produces Outflow

Mark 5:1-8 ¹“Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. ²When Jesus had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains, ⁴because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. ⁵And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. ⁶When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. ⁷And he cried out with a loud voice and said, ‘What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me.’ ⁸For He said to him, ‘Come out of the man, unclean spirit!’” (NKJV)

Mark 5:18-20 ¹⁸“When Jesus got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, ‘Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you.’ ²⁰And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.” (NKJV)

4. Why wouldn’t Jesus let this man follow Him?

Acts 1:8 “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (NKJV)

5. How can our lives become an outflow of what Christ has done for us?

