ONE — WEEK 2 — SEVEN-DAY DEVOTIONAL

CONFESS THE NAME

Seven mornings with the Name that makes hell tremble

Seven-Day Devotional

ONE: The Oneness of God — Week 2 of 3

Companion to the message “Confess the Name” (November 8, 2026)

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> **MATTHEW 8:32 (KJV)**
> *And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.*

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New Life Starts Here

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Before You Start

A man nobody could chain lived in a graveyard, screaming night and day. Jesus crossed a sea and rode out a storm to get to him.

A legion of demons ran to Jesus, fell down, and said His name. One word, “Go,” and the man was sitting, clothed, and in his right mind.

Then Jesus sent him home with one job: tell them what the Lord has done. He went and said, “Jesus did this.”

This week we learn to confess that Name.

How to use these seven days

Read it out loud. Every day opens with Scripture printed in full. Read it aloud before anything else. This week especially, say the Name out loud.

One day at a time. Don’t read ahead. The week walks from the boat to the graveyard to your own mouth. Day Seven is short on purpose: read it Sunday morning while you get ready for church.

Digging deeper is optional. The boxed section carries the Greek and the cross-references. Skip it on a rushed morning and come back to it on a slow one.

Write it down. There are lines on every second page. Write down the names of people in “the tombs” and pray for them all week.

Series Map — ONE: The Oneness of God

WHO HE IS	WHAT HIS NAME DOES	WHAT HE HOLDS
✓ **Wk 1 — His Name Is Jesus** (November 1) ✓ The promised Seed ✓ The Logos made flesh ✓ All the fulness, bodily ✓ The saving Name	▶ **Wk 2 — Confess the Name** (November 8) ▶ He spoke, and everything bows ▶ Demons tremble at the Name ▶ One power, not shared ▶ Confess it with your mouth	○ **Wk 3 — Jesus Only** (November 15) ○ Jesus only on the mountain ○ All power in His hands ○ God dwelt among us ○ Jesus only — in you

✓ done ▶ current ○ ahead

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Day One: He Spoke, and It Was Done

Sickness, distance, and storms all bow to His word.

READ

> **MATTHEW 8:8 (KJV)**
> *The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

> **MATTHEW 8:26–27 (KJV)**
> *26 And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 27 But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!*

REFLECT

A Roman soldier who commanded a hundred men knew how authority works. He told Jesus, "You don't need to come to my house. Just say the word." And his servant was healed from miles away.

Later the same day, a storm nearly sank the disciples' boat. Jesus was asleep. He woke up, spoke to the wind, and the sea went flat. The disciples just stared. "What manner of man is this?"

Here's the answer: He's the God who "spake, and it was done" (Psalm 33:9), wearing flesh.

Whatever you're facing today, a diagnosis, a bill, a storm in your house, it isn't bigger than His word. He doesn't need to show up in person the way you expect. One word from Him is enough.

DIGGING DEEPER

GO A LITTLE DEEPER

Matthew 7:28–29. Right before this chapter, the crowds were stunned that Jesus taught "as one having authority."

Matthew 8 shows that authority at work: a leper (v.3), a servant far away (v.13), a fever (v.15), the storm (v.26), and a legion of demons (v.32). Everything bows.

Psalm 33:9: "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast."

SEARCH YOUR HEART

1. What storm in your life have you been trying to calm without Him?

2. Do you really believe one word from Jesus is enough?

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

Write one thing you need God to speak to on a card. Pray over it: “Lord, speak the word only.”

PRAY

Jesus, You spoke and storms obeyed. Speak to what I’m facing today. I don’t need to see how. I just need Your word. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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Day Two: The Man Nobody Walked Past

Jesus crossed a sea for the person everyone else avoided.

READ

MARK 5:1–5 (KJV)

1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. 2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: 4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him. 5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

REFLECT

Look at what the devil had done to this man. He isolated him, living among the tombs. He made him uncontrollable, so that no chain could hold him. He tormented him, crying night and day. And he turned him against himself, cutting himself with stones.

That's what the enemy does with anybody he gets to keep. He doesn't want you happy. He wants you in the tombs.

People took the long way around that graveyard. But Jesus got in a boat, rode through a storm, and stepped onto that exact beach.

Maybe you know somebody "in the tombs" right now: a child, a brother, a friend nobody can reach anymore. Maybe it's you. Jesus still crosses seas for people like that.

DIGGING DEEPER

GO A LITTLE DEEPER

Three tellings. Matthew 8:28–34 counts two men. Mark 5 and Luke 8 tell the story of the one who did the talking and went home to preach.

Luke 8:27 adds that he "ware no clothes, neither abode in any house." Shame, homelessness, and death all around him.

Luke 8:29 says he was "driven of the devil into the wilderness." The enemy always drives people away from help.

SEARCH YOUR HEART

1. Who in your life is "in the tombs" right now?

2. Is there any part of you the enemy has been isolating?

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

Write down the name of one person who's "in the tombs." Pray for them by name every day this week.

PRAY

Lord, thank You for crossing the sea for people nobody else would go near. I lift up the one I love who's bound. Go to them like You went to that beach. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Day Three: Even the Devils Tremble

Hell isn't confused about who Jesus is.

READ

> **MARK 5:6–9 (KJV)**
> 6 *But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,* 7 *And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.* 8 *For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.* 9 *And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.*

> **JAMES 2:19 (KJV)**
> *Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

REFLECT

When the man saw Jesus "afar off," he ran and worshipped Him. The demons couldn't stay away. When the King steps onto the beach, every knee bows, even the ones that hate Him.

And they knew His name: "Jesus, thou Son of the most high God." They called themselves Legion, thousands of them, and they still begged Him for permission.

James says it plainly: you believe there's one God? Good. So do the devils, and they tremble.

Here's the thing. The devil believes in one God, and it terrifies him. When we believe it, it should make us bold. Whatever's been harassing you knows the name of Jesus, and it has to answer to it.

DIGGING DEEPER

GO A LITTLE DEEPER

Tremble: phrissō (G5425). To bristle, to shudder, hair standing on end (Thayer's). It's used only in James 2:19.

Notice the creed: the devils believe "that there is **one God**." Hell knows the Godhead isn't three.

Matthew 8:29: "Art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" They know their end is coming, and who decides it.

SEARCH YOUR HEART

1. What has been harassing your mind that needs to hear the name of Jesus?

2. Are you as sure about who Jesus is as the demons were?

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TAKE IT WITH YOU

When fear or torment shows up today, say out loud: “In the name of Jesus, go.”

PRAY

Jesus, hell trembles at Your name. I won’t tremble at hell. Every spirit of fear and torment has to answer to You. I speak Your name over my mind today. In Jesus’ name, amen.

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Day Four: One Power, Not Shared

God never gives His glory to another, because Jesus is the LORD.

READ

> **ISAIAH 42:8 (KJV)**
> *I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.*

> **JOHN 12:41 (KJV)**
> *These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.*

> **COLOSSIANS 2:9–10 (KJV)**
> *9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:*

REFLECT

God said it plainly through Isaiah: "my glory will I not give to another." He doesn't share it with idols, angels, or a second god.

So whose glory did Isaiah see on the throne in Isaiah 6? John tells us: "These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of him," meaning Jesus.

God didn't share His glory with Jesus. Jesus is the LORD whose glory it is. All the fulness of the Godhead lives in Him, and He's "the head of all principality and power."

That means there aren't three powers to keep track of, and there's no power the devil has that sits outside His reach. There's one power, and His name is Jesus.

DIGGING DEEPER

> **GO A LITTLE DEEPER**
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> **Isaiah 48:11** says it again: "I will not give my glory unto another."
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> **Luke 8:39.** Jesus told the man to show "how great things **God** hath done." The man published "how great things **Jesus** had done." Nobody corrected him.
>
> **Ephesians 1:21:** Jesus is "far above… every name that is named."

SEARCH YOUR HEART

1. What "name" in your life feels bigger than Jesus right now: a fear, a habit, a person?

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2. How does it change your prayers to know all the power is His?

TAKE IT WITH YOU

Write down the name of what you're facing. Under it, write "Jesus is far above every name that is named."

PRAY

Lord Jesus, You are the LORD, and You don't share Your glory. Every name I'm afraid of is under Your name. I give You all the glory today. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Day Five: Go Home and Tell Them

Confession is saying out loud what God has done.

READ

MARK 5:18–20 (KJV)

18 *And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.* 19 *Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.* 20 *And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.*

ROMANS 10:9–10 (KJV)

9 *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* 10 *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

REFLECT

The delivered man wanted to get in the boat and stay with Jesus. Who could blame him? But Jesus said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them."

The man who used to scream in the graveyard went through ten cities telling what Jesus did. The town that begged Jesus to leave got a preacher instead.

Paul says the same thing in Romans 10: believe it in your heart and confess it with your mouth. Faith that never leaves your chest hasn't been confessed yet.

Some of you are the only Bible your family will ever read. You don't need a pulpit. You need a story: "Here's what Jesus has done for me."

DIGGING DEEPER

GO A LITTLE DEEPER

Confess: homologeō (G3670). Literally "to say the same thing" (Thayer's). You agree out loud with what God says about Jesus.

Not the same as exomologeō (G1843) in Philippians 2:11, the full open acknowledgment every tongue will make someday. Confess now, by choice.

Matthew 10:32: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father."

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SEARCH YOUR HEART

1. Who in your life has never heard your story of what Jesus has done?

2. Where have you gone quiet about Jesus when you should have spoken up?

TAKE IT WITH YOU

Tell one person today, by text, call, or face to face, one specific thing Jesus has done for you.

PRAY

Jesus, I won't keep You a secret. Give me courage to go home and tell them. Let my mouth confess what my heart believes. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Day Six: On Your Lips, or Inside You?

The Name works for the people who belong to Him.

READ

> **ACTS 19:13–15 (KJV)**
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> 13 *Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.* 14 *And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.* 15 *And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?*

> **ACTS 19:5–6 (KJV)**
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> 5 *When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.* 6 *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

REFLECT

Two stories, one city. In Ephesus, seven sons of a priest tried to use Jesus' name like a magic word: "We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth." The evil spirit answered, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?" They ran out naked and wounded.

In the same chapter, Paul met twelve disciples and asked, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus, the Holy Ghost came on them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

See the difference? One group had the Name on their lips. The other had His Spirit inside them.

Don't settle for knowing about the Name. Repent, be baptized in the name of Jesus, and receive the Holy Ghost. That's how the Name lives in you, not just on you.

DIGGING DEEPER

GO A LITTLE DEEPER

Acts 2:38–39: "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

The same sign three times: Jerusalem (Acts 2:4), Caesarea (Acts 10:46), and Ephesus (Acts 19:6). They spoke with tongues.

Acts 19:17: even after Sceva's sons failed, "the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified."

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SEARCH YOUR HEART

1. Is the name of Jesus just on your lips, or has His Spirit come inside you?

2. What's holding you back from being baptized in His name or receiving the Holy Ghost?

TAKE IT WITH YOU

If you haven't received the Holy Ghost or been baptized in Jesus' name, tell Pastor this Sunday. If you have, write down when it happened and thank Him.

PRAY

Lord, I don't want Your name only on my lips. I want You living in me. Fill me with Your Spirit. Let Your name be magnified in my life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Day Seven: As You Get Ready for Church

A short one for Sunday morning. Read it before you walk out the door.

READ

> **PSALM 34:3 (KJV)**
> *O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

THE WEEK IN SIX LINES

> **READ THESE ON YOUR WAY OUT THE DOOR**
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> **Day One.** He spoke, and it was done.
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> **Day Two.** Jesus crossed a sea for the man nobody walked past.
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> **Day Three.** The devils believe in one God, and they tremble.
>
> **Day Four.** One power, not shared, and His name is Jesus.
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> **Day Five.** Go home and tell them.
>
> **Day Six.** Not just on your lips, but inside you.

REFLECT

That's your week. Today you're walking into a room full of people who are going to lift up the same Name together. Don't just watch. Magnify Him with them, and say His name like you mean it.

TAKE IT WITH YOU

On the way, pray: "Jesus, be magnified today." Then bring the name you wrote down on Day Two to the altar.

PRAY

Jesus, I'm coming to exalt Your name with Your people. Be magnified in me and in my church today. In Jesus' name, amen.

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Looking Back Over the Week

SEVEN DAYS, SEVEN LINES

Day One. He spoke, and everything bowed.

Day Two. Jesus crossed a sea for the man nobody walked past.

Day Three. Even the devils believe in one God, and they tremble.

Day Four. One power, not shared, and His name is Jesus.

Day Five. Go home and tell them what He has done.

Day Six. The Name belongs inside you, not just on your lips.

Day Seven. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

Everything Bows

Every power that met Jesus bowed. Look up each one and check it off.

WHAT IT MET		WHAT HAPPENED	
A leper's disease	Matthew 8:2–3	Cleansed by His touch	Matthew 8:3
Miles of distance	Matthew 8:8	Healed by His word	Matthew 8:13
A killer storm	Matthew 8:24	A great calm	Matthew 8:26
A legion of devils	Mark 5:9	One word: "Go"	Matthew 8:32
A spirit of divination	Acts 16:16	Out "the same hour"	Acts 16:18
A man lame from birth	Acts 3:2	Strong through His name	Acts 3:16

Check in with yourself

1. Which day hit you the hardest, and why that one?

2. Who did you tell on Day Five? What happened?

3. What's your next step from Day Six? Who will you bring next Sunday?

NEXT WEEK — WEEK 3: JESUS ONLY (NOVEMBER 15)

Moses and Elijah fade on the mountain, and they see "no man, save Jesus only."

Demons tremble at His name. Confess it, and let it live in you.

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