

## **Risky Obedience**

**Luke 8:22–39**

### **1. Natural Consequences**

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- a. Following Jesus can lead to dangerous and potentially life-threatening situations.
- b. Jesus' authority over all creation means that we can trust him to handle the natural consequences to our obedience.

**True Biblical Obedience is risky obedience that trusts Jesus to overcome the resulting natural consequences.**

What are some examples of negative natural consequences that may come from being obedience to Christ?

Are you resisting being obedient because of fear of the possible consequences?

### **2. Spiritual Consequences - Opposition**

**Luke 8:26–39**

- a. Spiritual and natural opposition comes as a direct result of our Biblical Obedience.
- b. Occasionally, overcoming opposition is the sole purpose of Biblical Obedience
- c. Fear and intimidation are natural responses to the enemy's opposition to our Biblical Obedience
- d. Jesus' authority over all creation includes having sovereign authority over the demonic

**Because Jesus still maintains the ultimate authority, even over demonic forces, we are able to fully live out Biblical Obedience.**

### **3. Spiritual Consequences – Salvation**

**Luke 8:26–39**

- a. Jesus' focus was on the salvation of the demon possessed man.
- b. We must also keep our focus on the salvation of those who stand in opposition to the gospel message.

**Biblical Obedience that overcomes natural and spiritual opposition, proclaims the gospel of**

## **Christ to an unbelieving world.**

How might our recognition of gospel opponents as people who need a saviour impact how we behave toward them?

Is there someone in your life that you have written off as an opponent that Jesus may be asking you to share the gospel with?

**The Biblical Obedience of Mature Multiplying Disciples will have natural and spiritual consequences that Jesus will overcome, resulting in further advancement of the gospel.**

What is the next step of Biblical Obedience that God has for you this week?