

MISSIONARY STORIES

REAL STORIES ABOUT SPREADING GODS WORD

The Night Jesus Chased the Darkness Away!

THIS STORY IS ABOUT: JESUS SETS PEOPLE FREE

BIG IDEA

There is power in the name of Jesus to set people free from anything! When God's people pray, even the strongest darkness has to let go.

THE STORY

In the land where Nona and Bug Freeman were sharing about Jesus, there lived a woman who was very, very troubled. For years, dark things had taken control of her. She would shake and act in scary ways, and sometimes she had to be held so she wouldn't hurt herself.

Many people had tried to help her, but nothing worked. The whole village was afraid of her, and they stayed far away. The poor woman had no peace and no hope.

But the Freemans and the local believers knew the One who could help.

They knew a secret weapon stronger than any darkness: the name of Jesus!



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THE STORY CONTINUES

They gathered around the woman and began to pray. The dark things inside her did not want to leave, and they made a lot of noise and trouble. But the believers were not afraid, because Jesus was with them.

All through the night, the prayer team kept praying. They called on the name of Jesus over and over, telling the darkness, "In the name of Jesus, you must GO!" They didn't give up, not even when they were tired.

Then, as the morning sun began to rise, something beautiful happened.

The woman suddenly became calm and still. The shaking stopped. The trouble was gone!

She sat up and looked around. Her eyes were clear and peaceful for the first time in years. She didn't even remember the scary things that had happened. She was completely free!

She was so thankful that she began to cry happy tears. In the days that followed, she learned all about Jesus, was baptized in His name, and was filled with the Holy Ghost.

She became a totally new person, full of peace and joy. The woman everyone had been afraid of was now smiling, singing, and telling everyone what Jesus had done for her!

The people who had run away from her now saw the wonderful change, and many of them gave their hearts to Jesus too. Nona always said the power was never in how loud they prayed or how long they prayed.

The power was in one thing only: the mighty name of Jesus!





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DID YOU KNOW?

- Nona Freeman was a real missionary who wrote down many true stories of God's power in her books.
- The name of Jesus is so powerful that in the Bible, even sickness, storms, and darkness had to obey it.
- The woman became a kind, peaceful, joyful person and could not stop telling others about Jesus.
- When people in the village saw how much she had changed, many of them decided to follow Jesus too!

MEMORY VERSE

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. Why was the whole village afraid of the troubled woman before she met Jesus?
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- 2** What did the prayer team keep saying and doing all through the night?

- 3** How was the woman different after Jesus set her free?

- 4** Nona said the power was in the name of Jesus, not in how loud they prayed. Why is it good to know that Jesus is the One with all the power?

- 5** When people saw how much the woman changed, they wanted to follow Jesus too. How can the way YOU live show others about Jesus?

LET'S PRAY

Dear Jesus, thank You that there is power in Your name to set people free. Thank You that I never have to be afraid, because You are stronger than anything. Please help anyone who is hurting or troubled to find peace in You. In Your mighty name I pray, Amen.

TRY THIS!

Do a 'Free at Last' craft! Loosely tie a piece of yarn or string around a child's wrists (gently and not too tight). Then, after talking about how Jesus sets us free, let them slip out of it. Cheer 'Free in Jesus!' Afterward, draw a picture of the happy, free woman singing and smiling, surrounded by sunshine.

