Somebody Go Get Bubba!!!

(Mark 5:1-6 KJV)

*1And 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.****6****But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,*

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s my mind travels back to 1985 my high school years as a freshman at the Byrd High School—I can remember as I walked the hallways of Academia in pursuit of higher education and possibly a scholarship—I couldn’t help but notice what my grandmother taught me on what crowds of people to shun and stay away from. In those hallway some homeboys wore button down Gucci shirts, acid washed jeans, jean jackets to match, parachute pants tapered down with High Tops and Reebok Tennis Shoes—and I must add a dripping Jerry Curl to give everything a little more flavor— and let’s not forget the baggy blazer with the sleeves rolled trying to imitate Michael Jackson—we called those the boys the Players.

Then there were the girls with the fancy nails, huge earrings who dressed real nice, who looked real nice and even made the principle turn his head—we called those girls the Fly Girls. Then there were the high society boy and girls who just knew they were going to make it to the top and go on to live famous lives. They weren’t allowed to hang out with anyone who wasn’t living on the same living as them. You know the one who drove to school and didn’t have to catch the short yellow school bus. You know the ones who parents paid their way to be the President of the School PTA. You know the ones that if they didn’t like you—they could have you suspended, because you didn’t speak to them while standing in the same room. We called these the Preppies.

Then there were those you could take their food and lunch money and they wouldn’t do anything in retaliation—and usually they had triple bifocal glasses with a piece of white masking tape in the middle of the frame to keep the glasses from sliding off of their faces—they were considered the smart ones so we called those the nerds.

The bell rings and class is in session, and now the teacher is about to introduce today’s objective curriculum—and suddenly and with a rude entry there’s one with his hair plaited with colorful rubber bands holding his doo doo plaits, wearing a white t-shirt, black sagging pants, looking like the rapper Flavor Flav, along with the big clock around his neck supported by a fake gold chain, he has snap in gold teeth in his mouth, red and white bandanna wrapped around his fist, and not one book in his hand—we call him Bubba the gangster! That’s right Bubba has finally made it to class.

In fact the teacher doesn’t like him, children can’t stand him, principle wants to suspend him, educators reject him—and he’s jail bait or body bag bound. He never has his homework, has bad grammar, seventeen year old and in the ninth grade, reading on a six grade level, has a bad attitude, picking at the students, fighting the janitors, messing with the white children—because he know that Junior who black from the neighbor standing 6 feet 5 inches will get him if his picked at his black cousin Bam Bam!

And finally because nobody knows how to handle him and accept him—he decides to quit school and join a gang and sell drugs! He makes quick money and now his in the game too deep—and now his life is in demise and you don’t know when he walks out your front door if you’re ever going to see him again. I must say every one of us has a Bubba in our family that needs help! And somebody has to learn how to find Bubba! If you are concerned about Bubba—here’s what you do!

1. **You Need To Get To Bubba's Location**

*(Mark 5:1-2 KJV)*

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When we look at the preface of this situation, Jesus lets us know that whatever it takes to get to Bubba do it because it’s worth it—and that Bubba will be there waiting when you get there. In chapter four Jesus prior to Bubba’s deliverance had been on the turbulent sea and caused an angry sea to behave herself. After the sea obeyed the voice of Jesus somebody testified, “What manner of man is this that even the wind and the sea obey him?”