

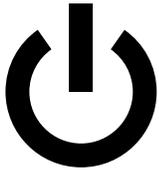


Speaker: Dimas Salaberrios

Title: Powerfully Changed

Summary: Surrender turns down-and-outs into devoted disciples.

Key Verses: Ephesians 2:1–10; Colossians 1:13–14



Power Up: *Take a moment to prepare*

Dimas’s story begins with a sense of hopelessness as an eleven-year old. Describe points of hopelessness you’ve experienced as a teen.



Replay: *Take some time to watch*

Note the key elements of Dimas’s story: **1)** dealing drugs and doing time; **2)** demonic oppression and violence; **3)** miraculous salvation from demons, bullets, and prison; **4)** absolute surrender to go anywhere for Jesus.



Comment: *Take some time to talk*

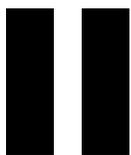
Compare the fast cash Dimas earned from selling drugs to the small paycheck he received at White Castle. **What kind of hold does money have on you? How do you earn, save, and handle money?**

Read Mark 5:1–13. *How does this story of the demon-possessed man overlap with Dimas’s experience? What has been your experience with spiritual warfare? How does Jesus protect us in warfare?*

What miracles does Dimas cite in God’s turning him from a drug dealer to a disciple? How has God intervened in your life?

Dimas expresses his frustration that only one person from the church called him out for dealing marijuana. **What keeps you from confronting others?**

What is the “soft gospel”? How might our faith be corrupted by it?



Pause: *Take a moment to pray*

Thank God for His ability to rescue us from dark places and demonic forces. Thank God for His powerful presence in our lives. Ask God to help us stand firm in our lives against spiritual attacks (Eph. 6:10–13).



Take Action: *Make it personal*

The apostle Paul provides a great form of spiritual protection in the armor of God. Read Ephesians 6:14–19. Visualize each piece of armor described. Pray that God protect you with each piece. Make this a regular habit.