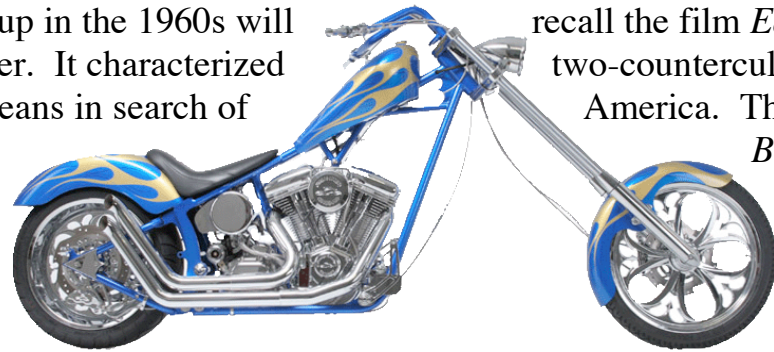


# Born to be Wild

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Have you considered that over 2000 years ago two Jewish individuals epitomized being born to be wild? One individual, declares Matthew 3:4, “...wore a garment of camel’s hair, and a loin-cloth of leather; and he lived upon locusts and wild honey,” and he referred to the religious leaders of the day as a “vipers’ brood.” He went on to further insult them for coming to be baptized, simply because they were descendents of Abraham, by saying that “God is able to make children of Abraham directly from stones!” Talk about a wild, speak-the-truth man. Of course this was none other than John the Baptist, and he was pretty wild.

The other individual was even wilder than John. He associated with tax collectors, half-breed Jews (Samaritans), ignorant fisherman, adulterers, and even Roman soldiers. The Bible says in Mark 1:12 that, “the Spirit [of God] drove Him into the wilderness” where He was tempted by Satan. It also says He likewise referred to the religious leaders of the day as “snakes and the offspring of snakes,” and questions “how will they be kept from the punishment of hell?” (Matthew 23:33) If this wasn’t offensive enough, He echoed that a curse was on them and they were “full of violent behavior and uncontrolled desire.” (Matthew 23:25) Of course this was none other than Jesus who turned out to be a pretty wild man from the perspective of the religious leaders of the day.

## PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE

Do you know that you were also born to be just as wild as John and Jesus? If you have asked Jesus into your heart and declared Him to be LORD over your life than you have been born to be wild. Jesus said in Mark 9:1-2 that

He gave his disciples “power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases ... to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.” This is speaking of His disciples, and you are a disciple if you have made Jesus the LORD of your life. People have been thrown into prison for practicing medicine without a license simply because they cast the devil out of someone setting them free of a life-long illness, or because they laid hands on someone and pronounced them healed in the Name of Jesus. The medical establishment doesn’t like this because it takes business away from them. Jesus doesn’t just treat the symptoms, He heals. Furthermore, the treatment is FREE. As long as you believe He loves YOU that much that He will meet your need.

To live this wild uncharacteristic life like Jesus, we have to be as empowered as He was. He told us about this empowerment in Acts 1:8 when He said, “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judaea and Samaria and to the remotest parts of the earth.” Of course, He was speaking to His immediate disciples at the time; but, Jesus went on to say in Acts 10:34 that “God is no respecter of persons.” So whatever He did for those original disciples He will do for you and I. And, did you see what happened to those timid, shy, uneducated fisherman, tax collectors etc.? They spoke in foreign languages, preached on the temple mount and 3,000 Jews from all over the Roman empire became Kingdom members. Lame and blind people were healed, the dead were raised and liars were struck dead. They were so full of the power of God that even their shadow had healing power. (Acts 5:15) Now that was wild!

## HOW WILD WERE YOU BORN TO BE?

How wild were you born to be? I think Jesus summed it all up in John 14:12 when He said, “In most solemn truth I tell you that he who trusts in me--the things which I do he shall do also; and **greater things** than these he shall do, because I am going to the Father.” Do you recall what Jesus did? Besides healing the sick, raising the dead, turning water into wine, cursing trees and seeing them die, and casting out demons, He repeatedly spent time in the wilderness communing with the Father. He was ministered to by angels and calmed roaring seas. He was compassionate, touching the lives of those around Him. He was merciful and forgiving to His friends as well as His enemies, and refused to be politically correct. In the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, how wild are you willing to be? What will you allow God to birth in you that will set people free?



# Once Sealed, Always Sealed?

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When Jehovah-Rophe heals, is it forever? I firmly believe so. It is settled for me because of two scriptures. John 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.” And Numbers 23:19 God *is* not a man, that he should lie.” The question is not whether or not God heals forever, but rather, is it possible to loose what the LORD has blessed you with? The answer to this question is, unfortunately, yes.

Do you recall the story of the young man who was demon possessed, blind, and mute? Jesus healed the young man and then warned the people by saying, “When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. “Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. “Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first....” Matthew 12:43-45 What is Jesus trying to say? When He has healed or cleaned an area of our life we have a responsibility to fill that area with something to prevent a re-occurrence.

**OPEN YOUR MOUTH AND LET GOD FILL YOU**

What are we to fill those areas with? Psalm 81:10 gives us a clue. When we are “brought out of Egypt (or bondage), God says “Open our mouth wide, and I will fill it.” We need to allow God to fill us with Himself in such an intimate manner that there is no room for what was once there.

The first step in this filling is to call upon Him. He says if we will call upon Him, He will answer, He will be good to us and be plenteous in mercy to us, and He will be near to us. We need Jesus to be near to us as the lover we read about in the Song of Songs. “Let Him kiss us with the kiss of His mouth, and let His love be better than wine.” SOS 1:2 This demands a greater degree of surrender. If you are calling upon Him, He has already declared that you are the “Rose Sharon” and the “Lily of the Valley” (SOS 2:1) and He is earnestly pursuing you!

The second step is to follow the admonition of the LORD found in Proverbs 4:20-22 “My son, **attend** to my words; incline your ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart. For they *are* life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.” Psalm 119:89 declares, “Forever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.” This should be an encouragement and settle the matter for us as well. Don’t let God’s word depart from your eyes or heart!

# Names of God

<b>JEHOVAH-SABAOTH</b> God of Hosts	1 Samuel 17:45
<b>JEHOVAH-ELYON</b> Most High God	Psalm 7:17
<b>JEHOVAH-ROHI</b> My Shepherd	Psalm 23:1
<b>JEHOVAH-JIREH</b> My Provider	Genesis 22:14
<b>JEHOVAH-NISSI</b> My Banner	Exodus 17:15
<b>JEHOVAH-SHALOM</b> My Peace	Judges 6:24
<b>JEHOVAH-SHAMMAH</b> Jehovah is There	Ezekiel 48:35
<b>JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU</b> Our Righteousness	Jeremiah 23:6
<b>JEHOVAH-M’KADDESH</b> My Sanctifier	Leviticus 20:8
<b>JEHOVAH-ROPHE</b> My Healer	Exodus 15:26
<b>ELOHIM</b> God	Genesis 1:1
<b>EL-ELOHE-ISRAEL</b> God, the God of Israel	Genesis 33:20
<b>ADONAI</b> Lord	Genesis 15:2
<b>EL SHADDAI</b> Almighty God	Genesis 17:1
<b>EL OLAM</b> Everlasting God	Genesis 21:33
<b>EL GIBBOR</b> Mighty God	Isaiah 90:6,7