

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

On April 24, we will celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! When reflecting on the tremendous work of Jesus Christ on the Cross and His Resurrection, I'm extremely excited and humbled. I hope that it will be a wonderful time for you, and that God can minister to you powerfully this month.

## **Praises:**

God is so gracious. He has done marvelous healings and deliverance for hurting people. Even on days when I don't feel that I'm at my best, He never fails. I praise Him that a person's deliverance depends on Him!

God has been at work bringing people into my life that has increased connections for ministry.

Praise God for bringing more and more people to receive help at *Life of Freedom Ministries*.

## **Something to Consider:**

*2 Corinthians 12:10—That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Over the last two months, God has been getting my attention in various ways to remind me of this truth: I must be totally dependent on Him. In some ways it has been a difficult time. Naturally, I don't like to consider myself weak. Hardships and persecution aren't very popular with me either. Even the difficulties of life don't find much favor with me!

The Apostle Paul amazes me. He actually *delights* in these trials. I don't think he is trying to fool the Corinthian people either. Reading through the Book of Acts, it is evident how positive his attitude was during all of the turbulence he experienced (we discussed Paul's attitude at the March Bible study, if it sounds inviting and interesting, I invite you to come and join us in April!). I've been pondering "delighting in trials" quite a bit due to various circumstances in my life and due to the tenacity of some ministry sessions I've had. Through people speaking to me, sermons, my own Bible reading and prayer time, music on the radio, and reading books, God has ministered to me to remind me that I must depend on Him for the fight each day.

Knowing that God is the One who heals and delivers a person is very refreshing, as the burden is off of my shoulders. However, that doesn't exactly make me feel great about being weak! I can understand that it is ok to be weak in regard to God, but shouldn't I be a strong Christian? I've come to realize that verse nine of 1 Corinthians 12 is so important to read as well:

*But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

My weakness is what makes me usable by God! Because I'm weak, God's power is made perfect. Again, what a relief that is! Paul said that instead of being ashamed of his weakness, he could even brag about it. Therefore, even if I don't feel that I really measure-up, in God's or the world's eyes, and am still His servant. He can still work through me because of His power!

In his book *Power for You*, Charles Spurgeon noted that in every aspect, even the smallest aspect, of his worship meetings, he prayed for the Holy Spirit's direction. Every aspect, including when and how to have an offering! He wrote that if the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, needed an anointing of the Holy Spirit daily to minister to people, won't we? This book and the other ways that the Holy Spirit spoke to me encouraged me yet again that I can, and must be, fully dependent on God. Living and working independent of Him will only cause more stress and turmoil for me!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events:

*Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next Bible study will be on Monday, April 11 at 6:30pm. The topic is going to be on blessings and curses.

Wednesday's, April 20 & 27, and May 4 & 11, at 7:00pm, teaching spiritual warfare at Roselawn Conservative Mennonite Church.

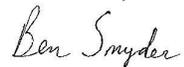
Please pray for schedules to work out for the ministry sessions and that God will continue to do a powerful work in the lives of those who are coming.

Please pray for my family: for protection and joy in our hearts.

### **Final Thoughts:**

There's a line in a song by a group named "Smash Mouth" (I'm not promoting it in any fashion, but it has kept coming to mind as I prepared and wrote this newsletter!) that says: "I'm not the sharpest tool in the shed." That joke used to always crack me up until I realized that sometimes it applied to me! Praise God though, that even if there are times that I am not be the sharpest tool in the shed, God's word is sharp. It "penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12). As long as I depend on Him and His sharpness, my lack of sharpness will bring Him glory! May the Lord Jesus Christ be praised!

In Christ,



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