

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Hello again everyone! I'm excited to share the March newsletter with you. Spring is almost here, and I'm sure you all are ready for the warmth of spring and summer. I am! I want to encourage you to check out the website. It has some updates and some new changes. Also, be sure to turn your audio up! The home page has special music. www.lifeoffreedom.org. The audio recording from February's Bible study is also available for your listening pleasure. Also, you can now make financial contributions to *Life of Freedom Ministries* online! ☺ Click on the "Donate Online" tab on the homepage. You can print a receipt, saving both of us money on postage! A PayPal account is *not* necessary for donations.

Praises:

Even with the great quantity of snow/ice storms this winter, very few meetings had to be postponed.

God led to *Life of Freedom Ministries* a number of people who suffered from Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA) in the last few months. Praise God for His healing and work of deliverance in these people. Their faces show the difference! SRA is a brutal thing to experience, and only God can heal such atrocities.

I praise God for His forgiveness, grace, mercy, and love. He has recently impressed that on me again how precious it is.

Something to Consider:

Luke 15:21—“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’”

Isaiah 66:2—“Has not my hand made all these things, and so they came into being?” declares the LORD. “These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word.”

When a person comes to *Life of Freedom Ministries* for help, the first requirement that I ask of him/her is to be totally honest before God. One part of being honest before God is to truly be sorry for sins the person did. Two aspects of this come to mind for freedom and healing.

First, God knows when a person is hiding a sin. I often don't know it, as I can't see their hearts or read their minds. After some time, I may sense that a person isn't fully telling the truth. They can deceive me, but not God. In the passages noted above, the Lost Son, after some time, came to his senses as to what he had done. When he returned to his father, he fully confessed his sin. He even said he wasn't worth being a son any longer. He showed the “contrite spirit” that God said in the Book of Isaiah. His father was so happy, he welcomed him as a son! He didn't deserve it, but he was forgiven and accepted.

When a person comes for help and doesn't have a contrite spirit, the process will likely be

difficult. Often this person just wants a “quick fix” instead of fully changing his/her way of life or way of thinking. When addressing demons in these settings, they either are difficult to deal with or don’t even reveal their presence to the person’s mind! Having a contrite spirit in a person’s heart is a huge step for finding freedom.

Can you imagine what would have happened if the Lost Son came back without a contrite heart? What if he had an “entitlement attitude,” expecting more from his father? He would have continued to struggle in life and only delayed his true freedom.

Second, forgiveness of self and others is to be genuine. Some will say they’ve forgiven, but have only given lip service to giving over the right to retaliate to God. Deep down, they want the offender to be harmed. The “offender” may even be themselves, but hate is at the root of it. As a contrite spirit shows that the person is sorry for sins done, a contrite spirit also shows that a person forgives the offender.

Occasionally, while inviting the Holy Spirit to bring inner healing to a person’s emotional wounds, something hinders Him coming and healing. I’ve learned that the first thing to ask is, “Have you forgiven...” Often, forgiveness hasn’t been given, so God doesn’t bring healing. Once the person truly chooses to forgive, the Holy Spirit comes and brings healing. Having a contrite heart is a huge step for a person’s healing.

Prayer Concerns:

Events:

Life of Freedom Bible Studies—The next Bible study will be on Monday, March 14 at 6:30pm. The topic is going to be on Christian symbolism in spiritual warfare.

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

Recently, a client made this comment: “Right here in the middle of a cornfield, you can help a lot of hurting people. So don’t minimize your ministry!” What a nice thing to say! I must say that it is God who ministers to the hurting people, but I’m glad I can be there too. My prayer is for *Life of Freedom Ministries* to grow as God desires.

I’ve been a bit “under the weather” the last few weeks. I ask for prayers for health and strength to serve God and minister to people.

Final Thoughts:

We may not know when a person truly is “sorry for their sins.” God knows, and it is His work in that person that matters the most. The Holy Spirit can speak to us and help us know as well, if we need to know. For myself, it is more important to have a contrite heart and be willing to say “I’m sorry,” confess my sins, and repent of the actions. I easily get embarrassed and angry toward myself when I sin and make mistakes, often being hard on myself. I have to forgive myself too! I encourage everyone to be honest and not to try to hide things from God. Like the Lost Son, He will welcome you home!

In Christ,



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