

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

Welcome to autumn! It has been extremely wet around here for the first week. However, the leaves are starting to turn and (before the rain) farmers had begun the harvest. I enjoy the fall/harvest season and am thankful for God's blessings.

## **Praises:**

Praise God for His ongoing work in healing and deliverance. God so gently works at healing and helping wounded people along at the right pace for them. Sometimes I, and even those I meet with, want the healing to come more rapidly. God empowers them to endure and receive healing that will last.

Praise God for more opportunities to share about this ministry and God's healing work. Doors were opened to share in the last month, and it was enjoyable to do so.

## **Something to Consider:**

**Deuteronomy 29:5**—*During the forty years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet.*

Sometimes we lose our perspective and miss how much God loves us and is blessing us. On a number of occasions, as the Israelites left Egypt and traveled to the Promised Land, they also lost perspective and did not see God's blessings. Often they saw only the trouble that was around them and not what God was doing for them. The first example was when Moses first confronted Pharaoh and demanded that the Israelites be allowed to travel three days to make sacrifices. Pharaoh responded with an order that made work even harder for the Israelite slaves. The Israelites were not happy with Moses, even though he was leading them to freedom! (See Exodus 5 for more.)

In Exodus 15 and 16, the Israelites are in the desert without food and good water. Even though they saw great miracles of God's provision already, they were upset and said, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt!" Nonetheless, God did more miracles. He provided food, manna, and gave them good water to drink.

A third example is found in Numbers 14. In verse 2, the people said, "If only we had died in Egypt!" Once again they looked back at the life of slavery in Egypt and viewed it to be better than the current life they were living. It was so severe; they were actually planning to return to Egypt!

Finally, in Deuteronomy 29:5, Moses reminded the people that on the long 40 year journey, God provided for them. Their clothes did not wear out and their feet didn't get swollen. I would think with all of that walking they would have had some really sore feet! However, God kept them in good condition.

In ministry, I occasionally see similar kinds of thinking. The enemy does not want us to live in freedom, but wants us to stay slaves to him and to sin. During the process of being set free, one of the demons' tactics is to present the past to be more favorable than a life in Christ. Satan and his host are very good at this because they manage to leave out the memories of hurt, pain, and negatives of a life in bondage. "Life just seemed so much easier before I got into dealing with this stuff." Comments such as this sound amazingly similar to the Israelites in the desert.

The powers of darkness try to thoroughly discourage those being led to freedom to give up and quit the process. They hope the person will decide to "return to Egypt" and miss out on a life of victory and freedom in Christ. As Moses reminded the people in Deuteronomy 29, God was right there with them. A part of what I do is help the person see how God has been at work throughout the process. It's a fun part of sharing the good news!

Even after the Israelites entered the Promised Land, the enemy worked on influencing them to return to the sinful lifestyles that they saw in Egypt. The same can happen to us. Even after deliverance, the enemy attacks by bringing thoughts of the good life of sin. It is important for us to look for God's work of blessing in our lives and dismiss the lie of Satan that the old life is better. I encourage you to not long for "Egypt," but live life in the Promised Land!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events:

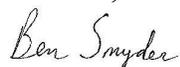
*Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next Bible study will be on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. They study will be on forgiveness.

Please pray for God's continued blessing on *Life of Freedom Ministries* so that I may continue to serve Him.

### **Final Thoughts:**

The final thoughts for this month are an endorsement for a colleague in ministry. Natalie Abigail is opening her store, *Natalie's Christian Wellness Center*, on Saturday, October 8. The store is located at 109 East Market Street in Nappanee, IN. Come to Natalie for your entire natural health care, spiritual, and emotional needs. She does it all! It's been a blessing to see her store and ministry take off! Congratulations and blessings, Natalie! I encourage everyone to stop in and check out the store and her products available. You can find out more at [www.natalieschristianwellness.center.webs.com](http://www.natalieschristianwellness.center.webs.com).

In Christ,



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