

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

I'm excited to share the *Life of Freedom Ministries* August newsletter. The focus will be a continuation of the July newsletter: Freedom. It is much more joyful to share about freedom in Christ than troubles that demons can bring!

Praises:

God has richly blessed *Life of Freedom Ministries*, as He continues to bring people who are in need of care. I continue to hear of people being referred to this ministry by others.

God has been working powerfully in setting captives free! No matter the depth or degree of darkness, God is always more than able to bring healing and freedom. He has proved Himself to be Almighty! I cannot share the exact details of cases, but please trust that the Living God cares for people and is actively working on our behalf.

I praise God for the rain that has come through northern Indiana in the last two weeks. The rain was desperately needed, and I'm thankful for God's provision.

Something to Consider:

Acts 19:17-19—¹⁷ When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. ¹⁸ Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. ¹⁹ A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachma.^a ²⁰ In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.

a—A drachma was a silver coin worth about a day's wages.

2 Chronicles 15:10-19—¹⁰ They assembled at Jerusalem in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa's reign. ¹¹ At that time they sacrificed to the LORD seven hundred head of cattle and seven thousand sheep and goats from the plunder they had brought back. ¹² They entered into a covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and soul. ¹³ All who would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, were to be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. ¹⁴ They took an oath to the LORD with loud acclamation, with shouting and with trumpets and horns. ¹⁵ All Judah rejoiced about the oath because they had sworn it wholeheartedly. They sought God eagerly, and he was found by them. So the LORD gave them rest on every side.

¹⁶ King Asa also deposed his grandmother Maacah from her position as queen mother, because she had made a repulsive Asherah pole. Asa cut the pole down, broke it up and burned it in the Kidron Valley. ¹⁷ Although he did not remove the high places from Israel, Asa's heart was fully committed to the LORD all his life. ¹⁸ He brought into the temple of God the silver and gold and the articles that he and his father had dedicated

¹⁹ There was no more war until the thirty-fifth year of Asa's reign.

At the July *Life of Freedom Ministries* Bible study, I shared the approach that I use for freedom. [If you missed the Bible study, you can listen to audio and see the outline that was used at <http://www.lifeoffreedom.org/lfmseminarpart6.htm>.] The key ingredient for freedom was being

honest. The person must be fully honest before God and be willing to admit to all that was done by him or her that was sin and that was done to him or her that was sin. When the person honestly confesses the sin to God, He is sure to forgive the person (1 John 1:9). At the very least, this act brings healing. If there is more inner healing to be done, the Holy Spirit leads the person through a process of healing.

The second key ingredient is repentance. More than just confessing the sins, repentance means to turn from the sin and do it no longer. For a person to stay free from evil spirits, choosing to not sin anymore is extremely necessary! The person must leave the ministry session, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, live a holy and righteous life. He or she must repent of sin.

In August, the theme of being honest through confession and repentance will continue. The change will be when a community confesses sin and repents. The Scripture examples above show two examples of people coming together to repent. In Acts 19, people who had participated in sorcery repented and showed that repentance by burning very expensive books of sorcery. The result of the repentance was the spreading of the gospel. God's influence on the people grew powerfully due to their repentance!

In 2 Chronicles 15, King Asa led the people in repentance, producing spiritual reform. The people committed themselves to the LORD. Also, Asa continued to rid the land of occult and idolatry objects. The result was peace for the land, symbolizing the peace of Christ when we repent and turn to God. At the Bible study, we will look at other examples of how repentance changed communities as well as how we can pray for communities to come to freedom.

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, August 13th at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. The topic for this Bible study will be the second session on “Freedom!” This session will focus on more freedom for communities. It is part six of the series on spiritual warfare, Life of Freedom Seminar: Free to Live for Jesus Christ. The monthly Bible studies are scheduled for the 2nd Monday of each month. Come and join us!

Please pray for God's help scheduling fall in to place!

Final Thoughts:

I'd like to close this newsletter with a blessing:

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe—Ephesians 1:18-19.

May it be evident to all of us how glorious it is to be in Christ and see His power at work in our lives!

In Christ,



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