

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

It is now officially summer, and the temperatures are heating up! I hope that you will be able to find ways to keep cool and enjoy the season. I'm thankful that the office building stays cooler, even without central air conditioning. Special thanks again to Tony & Dawn Mast for donating a window ac unit a few years back! The office has stayed cool and comfortable for ministry.

## **Praises:**

I praise God for He has kept me busy! It has been a blessing to lend a hand to people that God has brought to *Life of Freedom Ministries*.

I praise God for how the scheduling has been able to work out during this busy time.

I praise God for reports of good fruit from His work of healing. From numerous people, I've heard that God has changed lives in wonderful ways.

I praise God for blessing me and allowing me to serve Him in this capacity. This is not just a "job." It is my calling and my life for Him.

I praise God for being slow to anger, abounding in love, and full of forgiveness for all who seek Him.

## **Something to Consider:**

**Luke 4:18**—*He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners...to release the oppressed...*

**John 8:36**—*So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.*

**1 John 3:8**—*...the reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

Over the last few months, the *Life of Freedom Ministries* newsletters and Bible studies may have seemed negative. Writing about demonization, curses, and what Satan and demons do isn't necessarily a positive topic. It was necessary to discuss these topics before discussing this month's topic: freedom. In order to discuss freedom, we needed to learn what could keep us from being free! Nonetheless, the topic for July brings much more joy and excitement, as we proclaim the Good News of what the Lord Jesus has done.

The Gospels have numerous examples of people being set free. The most notable example is found in Mark 5:1-20 and Luke 8:26-38. The man from Gerasenes was a severely troubled man. The demons caused him to harm himself and be antisocial. Both accounts declare that Jesus healed the man so that he was in his right mind. Though the number of demons afflicting the man was almost 2,000, they were no match for Jesus. They balked at His first command, but they

knew they had to go, and did so. The man that could not be controlled, even with chains, was free to live. Jesus told him to go and tell his friends and family what God had done for him. He was free to live!

The story of the man from Gerasenes is a case of severe demonization, and it is not often that I encounter a case of this nature. The degree of demonization is irrelevant! No matter how bad the person's troubles are or the degree of demonization, the only way that a person can be free is through the triumph and victory of Jesus Christ! Even if a person is set free from just one demon, it is a great work of God. The freeing of the person shows God's powerful love for that person. God wants all of us to live for Him, and live a full life. John 10:10 says He wants us to have "life to the full." Not only that, Ephesians 2:10 says that we are created to do good works for Him. Demons hinder living life to the full and doing good works. Therefore, God wants us to be set free from the demons so we can do what He wants us to do!

The point that must be emphasized over and over is that it is the *Lord Jesus Christ* who sets a person free. It is not a minister, a method, technique, or formula that sets the person free. If it isn't recognized that it is through Christ and His power that a person is set free, the healing can be minimized. It's all Jesus, and may He be forever praised!

**Prayer Concerns:**

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. The topic for this Bible study will be "Freedom!" 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Come and join us!

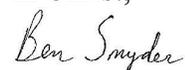
Please pray for those coming for ministry to trust in God for their healing and know that He loves them.

Please pray for increased wisdom and discernment for me in directing this ministry so I know God's desires for organization as it grows.

**Final Thoughts:**

The logo *Life of Freedom Ministries* shows a person being freed from a ball and chain. The picture is to show how Satan and his host limit a person from living for God. It's rather difficult to move around and live with a physical ball chained to a person's leg. The same is true for a person spiritually. Being chained to the spiritual "ball" of demons makes life difficult. The answer is Christ and His finished work on the Cross. At the July Bible study, we will talk further about Jesus setting a person free.

In Christ,



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