

# Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## Greetings!

It's hard to believe but it has been five years since I started full time with *Life of Freedom Ministries*. At the beginning of June 2007, I started working full time in this ministry. It has been a blessing to serve God in this way.

## Praises:

God has blessed *Life of Freedom Ministries*, as the ministry has spread by word of mouth. Many new clients have called for help, and God has not let them down. He has brought much healing.

I praise God for my wife, Angela. May 30<sup>th</sup> was our 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our wedding. I'm thankful for God blessing me through her. I love you, Angela! ☺

## Something to Consider:

**Luke 13:10-16**—<sup>10</sup> *On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, <sup>11</sup> and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." <sup>13</sup> Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.*

<sup>14</sup> *Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."*

<sup>15</sup> *The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?" <sup>16</sup> Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"*

At the May Bible study, we looked at two of the five main ways curses can come upon believers: personal and ancestral sin. The focus of the time together was on the kinds of sin that lead the quickest to demonization: sexual sin, occult involvement, and resentment. The May and June Bible studies might seem rather negative, as the emphasis is things that are "wrong." Once we are through part five, "Curses & Strongholds," we will emphasize *freedom in Christ!* The final three of the five main areas that curses come from are more often due to *sins against* the person.

The most important point of this topic, and the purpose of the ministry, is that the person does not need to continue to live afflicted by the powers of darkness. In Luke 13 (see above), the Lord Jesus made clear that it was not necessary for the woman to continue being afflicted by the demonic, and the Sabbath is a great day to set her free! Accept for the Pharisees, who were up in arms that Jesus set her free on the Sabbath, most would respond to a person being afflicted because of sin done against the person is that "it's not fair!" I don't believe it is fair at all either. Satan and his demons simply do not play fairly in any fashion. There is *no* grace or mercy from them whatsoever. No matter the age or situation of the person, they will torment as much as they are allowed.

When people are cursed by spoken words or through an occult practice, such as witchcraft or voodoo, the demons attack. If the person believes any part of the lie connected to the curse, the demons can increase their hold. The key is to break the curse and renounce the lie. At times, these curses, especially the spoken curses, are forgotten or not regarded as important. The Holy Spirit will powerfully bring these to the person's attention if he or she is seeking to know the truth and be set free.

When a person experiences a traumatic experience, especially as a child, it is easy to believe a lie about the situation or about him/herself. The demons take advantage of the trauma and enhance those lies to torment the person—even a child! Often when the child grows into adulthood, he or she dismisses the trauma and considers the pain to be silly. The demons will still cling to the person because of the lie. I often have to tell the person to not dismiss the memory, no matter how trivial it may seem at this time. God knows that the person needs healing for that experience.

When a person has an object on which a demon resides, which is a “point of contact” or a “fetish,” the demons use that place to afflict the person. Sometimes, the person has made the choice to have the point of contact, but many times the person has no idea about the point of contact. Thankfully, God does not abandon us, but will reveal to us where these points of contact are so that they can be destroyed.

God works powerfully in people to bring healing for these things. Indeed, it does not seem fair that the demons afflict people when they are “innocent,” but God is in the business of doing miracles!. He has put in place for us the position of victory through Jesus' finished work on the cross. We can now apply that work and gain the freedom from the demons!

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

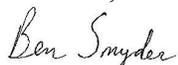
Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. The topic for this Bible study will be a continuation of “Curses & Strongholds” that was started in May. It is part five of the series on spiritual warfare, *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 remember to pray for those who God has brought to *Life of Freedom Ministries* for help. Sometimes the battle creates weariness, and even doubt that it is worth continuing. Please pray for them to be encouraged to continue.

#### **Final Thoughts:**

At the June Bible study, we will discuss in much greater detail the final three main ways that curses can come upon people. If this newsletter has sparked some questions, I encourage you to come and hear more and even ask those questions. Most importantly, we must remember what Jesus was emphasizing in Luke 13: we don't need to stay in the bondage and affliction of enemy. The Lord Jesus Christ came to liberate people (Luke 4 and Isaiah 61)!

In Christ,



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