

# Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## Greetings!

As I write this newsletter, a fierce wind is blowing against the office from the north. The gusting wind sounds nasty, but I am reminded by the news reports that those in the United States to the east are experiencing an even nastier situation. If you are in that area or have relatives in that area, my prayer for you is for your protection and as minimal amount of damage as possible. May the powers of darkness not be allowed to make matters worse for anyone!

## Praises:

It is Thanksgiving season, and I have much for which to be thankful. For example, I had a delightful “Fall Break” camping with my children. It was a bit chilly, but with fires and enough clothes, we were able to keep warm and enjoy the beauty of autumn.

I praise God and am so thankful for the support that He gives through faithful prayer warriors and financial contributors. Also, I’m thankful for the words of support and encouragement I receive; those words seem random, but I believe the Holy Spirit prompts people to encourage me. Some battles can be tough and I need encouragement! ☺

I’m very thankful and praise God for healing I’ve seen in clients recently. For some, the healing isn’t very evident, and may cause people to doubt that there is progress. Instead, I see God at work in strengthening individuals to stand in Him on his or her own two feet. Sometimes the healing comes slower for this reason, but is essential for long term healing. I see evidence of this and praise God for His work.

## Something to Consider:

**John 2:8-11** <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, *“Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.”*

*They did so, <sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup> and said, “Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.”*

<sup>11</sup> *This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.*

**John 6:19-20**—<sup>19</sup> *When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, “It is I; don’t be afraid.”*

**John 20:19-20**—<sup>19</sup> *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

In the last few weeks, as I have read a number of passages that included miracles of Jesus, I began to contemplate just how amazing it would be to see *one* miracle. For instance, in the first passage noted above, John 2:8-11, I would try to put myself in the shoes of the servants who filled the

water jars. What would have gone through my mind when I realized that I had poured *water* into the jars, but the people were drinking *wine*? Would I try to figure it out, or come up with an explanation as to why or how it happened? Scientifically or medically, I don't think I'd figure out what happened. Would I be more likely to think like the people of that era would, that Jesus was a great magician? Possibly. What I believe I most likely would have experienced would just have been an overwhelming sense of amazement. Perhaps I wouldn't have slept for days, as I would lay in bed staring at the ceiling in awe.

Seeing Jesus walking on the water, as noted in John 6, would be even more astounding. *How'd He do that?!?!?* The disciples were terrified at first when they saw Him. A second miracle took place after He got into the boat, it immediately reached the shore (verse 21)! Again, to see that first hand would be extremely amazing. I'm not sure that I could put it into words. I think I would want to tell everyone about Jesus and the most incredible things He did!

Now if I wanted to tell everyone about Jesus walking on the water, how do you think I would feel if I saw Jesus risen from the dead? I saw Him brutally killed and die on the cross, but within a week, I talked to Him and touched Him, multiple times. According to John 20-21, He interacted a number of times with the disciples and even ate with them. What a miracle! He was dead and now is alive! *Think about it!* The disciples saw this and then told people about the amazing thing that it was. All of Jesus' miracles were amazing, astounding, and awesome, but especially so was His resurrection from the dead.

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend. The topic will be a continuation of this newsletter, focusing on the miracles of God and faith in Him. Hot drinks are guaranteed, and often Angela prepares a tasty goody to go with the drinks. Come and join us!

Please pray for the Living God to sustain clients who are struggling to continue. As I noted in the Praises section, sometimes the going is slow, and the client doesn't see the progress that I see. Therefore, please pray for the Holy Spirit to bring encouragement to these people.

#### **Final Thoughts:**

The miracles found in the gospels, and throughout the Bible, may be hard for you to believe. Science often times can't explain what has happened. I encourage you to not discount what is written simply because it can't be proven or confirmed in a laboratory. God's Word is truth, and God still does miracles today. I've been given the privilege to see some! At the November Bible study, we will discuss in greater detail the issue of miracles in the Bible and why they are important. I'm excited and looking forward to our time together discussing God's mighty work in the world He created.

In Christ,



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