

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

I can hardly believe it (even though Christmas advertisements have been out since early November), but it is time to say, “Merry Christmas!” My prayer is that this Christmas season will be a joyful time filled with blessings for you as we celebrate the coming of our Savior.

## **Praises:**

I praise God for an enjoyable day of sharing at River of Life Fellowship in November. The time was a blessing for my family and me in joining them in worship.

I praise God for how He has blessed my family and me by caring for us in so many ways in 2013. Like most people, we had our difficult times, but He carried us through.

I praise God, yet again, for how He has ministered to clients in setting them free from evil spirits and bringing healing to their hurts and pains.

## **Short Report:**

Pride is a sin that tempts everyone. Moreover, pride can hinder a person from deliverance because one must admit that he or she has sinned and not blame others. Indeed, pride was hindering this particular client, but God did not give up! In small steps He gently led the client to see how Pride was causing problems. At the very time God was ministering in this way, the evil spirits were working double time, harassing the clients with very negative thoughts, even of suicide. Praise God! By His power, the client was able to press on and deal with the sin of pride through confession and canceling any curses in the Name of Jesus. The evil spirits working against the client were cast out, and a blessing of true humility was prayed over the client. The negative thoughts stopped! The next time I met with the client, I saw a joy that wasn't seen before.

## **Something to Consider:**

**Philippians 2:5-11**—*5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross! 9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

**Matthew 1:23**—*23 “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”*

As is noted in the Short Report, pride is a temptation that comes upon everyone at one point or another. Many sermons have been preached on pride and how bad it is and also how to stand against pride. The case report shows how essential it is for one to humble oneself for God to freely minister to that person. It is so easy for us to fall into the temptation of pride, especially when we've been rejected or made to feel worthless. We want to fight and protect ourselves of the worth and value that we do have. For sinful humanity, it is a natural reaction to fight, which often leads to even more sin. What amazes me, though, is Jesus' humility, and how He humbled Himself for us. He humbled Himself to become a baby and live a life on earth.

As Pastor Dwayne Runkle of Maple Grove Church often says, "He left heaven's best," coming to earth to be our savior. God has been so often rejected and despised by humanity throughout history. The Lord Jesus Himself was rejected while on the earth, and yet He was willing to come and be the Savior, *for me!* His love for us is so great that He set aside any and all offenses from all sins that we have ever done, to endure more pain than I can imagine. He gave up being with the Father to come to earth and give up His life for me without being prideful. Amazing!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. I would be delighted if you joined us!

As 2014 grows near, if you are considering a year-end donation to a non-profit organization, please consider *Life of Freedom Ministries!* The year-ends are a huge blessing for establishing finances for the following year, and in this case, covering the losses from this year. The contributions for 2013 are down compared to years past.

Christmas season can be tough for many, and sometimes be difficult for clients to keep their schedules. Please pray for God's working out the scheduling for Him to minister through *Life of Freedom Ministries.*

Although I enjoy snowy winters (if it is going to be cold, we may as well have the beauty of the snow!), snowy/icy roads can cause problems for having ministry sessions. Please pray for the sessions to be able to continue, and for safe travels for clients, in spite of any weather issues.

### **Final Thoughts:**

Isn't it prideful to say, "I'm humble?" In no way can I say that I'm totally humble and never prideful or arrogant. I can say that I have been humbled in many ways, and especially so when I consider how great Jesus' love is for me. In the November newsletter, I wrote about God's love, and this month is a continuation of that theme. We will discuss this more at the December Bible study of God's love, tying it to the November study.

Merry Christmas!

*Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,*



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