

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Happy New Year! May the year 2013 be a year of blessing for you all, and if 2012 was a downer year, then may 2013 be better. If 2012 was super, then may 2013 continue to be super. Most of all, may your relationship with Jesus Christ grow abundantly.

Praises:

I praise God for the time that I could have with my family over Christmas vacation.

I'm thankful for God's work on me in my life to refine me. Going through refinement isn't always fun, but I am trusting in Him to make it worthwhile.

Although ministry appointments slowed at Christmas, God has continued to bring people to Life of Freedom Ministries.

I praise God for the joy of the Bible study sessions. No matter the number present, it has been a blessing to read God's word and share what He's put on my heart.

Something to Consider:

Ephesians 3:20-21—*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”*

On the bulletin board by my desk in my office, I have a bookmark that has written on it the first part of this passage. Often I read this passage for encouragement. Some days, ministry and life are very daunting. My personality is a type that I work to fix problems and can easily take on burdens that are not mine to bear. They are God's burdens. Ministry has been very humbling for me, as I've realized just how small I am, how little I know, and how much I need God. He is the One who solves a person's problem, not me.

The challenge for me is to apply this truth, that God is the One at work, in my life. The passage says that God does more than what I could even imagine He could, or would do. He is able to do even more than what I ask. His power is at work in me and the person coming for help, and we must depend on Him. I too often forget and feel pressure that I must solve someone's problems, and solve them now! I feel this great sense of urgency to help out a person, but I need to depend on God's timing.

God is at work in each of us, by His power, to bring Himself glory. He deserves the glory, not me, for anything that is good. I'm reminded of Psalm 100:3, “It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” He makes the ministry work. He brings the freedom and

healing to individuals seeking Him. I want to be sure to not hinder His work!

Sometimes, I really wonder why God called me to be a part of this ministry. I certainly don't feel qualified! I've seen numerous times a phrase about how God qualifies those He has called. I think that is definitely the case with me. It is so humbling to know that He has called me, and I am honored that He has. Hopefully, it will be evident that anything done is by His power and that indeed He will be given the glory.

It is a very rich blessing to see God at work in bringing healing to a person, and to see that person walk out of the office in peace. Again, God deserves all of the credit and glory. I look forward to seeing Him at work this year. My hope is that many people needing God's healing will be led to Life of Freedom Ministries so that He can do a great work in 2013. May the Living God be praised!

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, January 14th at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.

The winter months can be dark and dreary for people, me included! Please pray for me to have the energy needed to minister to hurting people.

I enjoy the beauty of the snow...even shoveling the snow. However, the prayer request is that snowy weather will not hinder people from coming for ministry.

As I noted in the December 2012 newsletter, please pray for God to bring those to LFM that He wants to come for help in 2013.

Final Thoughts:

At the next Bible study, I plan to reflect further on this passage. This passage has come to mean quite a bit to me, and I hope that will be evident in the sharing time. There are some more thoughts and points that I'd like to share that go beyond this newsletter. I invite you to come to attend and share as well.

In Christ,



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