

# Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## Greetings!

In the March newsletter, I noted the promise of spring and looking forward to warmer weather. I enjoyed the warmer days at the end of April! Seeking to be joyful, I'm thankful for the abundance of rain we had as well. It has been dry in northern Indiana, and hopefully the extra rain will end the drought-like conditions. Perhaps in the June newsletter, I can praise God for the warm weather and the beautiful flowers that are growing from all of the rain.

## Praises:

Trials are not fun for sure, but I praise God that He is using trials to draw me closer to Him.

I praise God for how He helped clients be able to confess sins this last month, and be free from the burden of guilt and shame.

## Short Report:

The client in this report struggled with faith and had volatile anger. As an adopted child, this person didn't know much about the biological parents. It turned out that Satanism was present in the ancestry. At birth, the biological mother committed the baby to Satan, using a Satanic ritual. From that point demons resided in the client, claiming specific items used in the ritual as a point of contact. Once the client cancelled in the Name of Jesus Christ the curses that were there due to the biological ancestor's involvement in Satan worship, and cancelled the specific curses that were on tied to the ritual, the demons were forced to depart.

Interestingly, the people associated with the biological mother were aware of the changes in the spirit realm. In a few of the sessions, we encountered more demons being sent to disrupt the meetings, trying to keep the person from being freed. Once all curses, ties, and connections from the Satan worshippers were cancelled in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ, no more demons could come in and bring affliction. The anger went away and the client's faith increased rapidly.

## Something to Consider:

**Nehemiah 8:10**—<sup>10</sup> *Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."*

**Romans 12:12**—<sup>12</sup> *Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

Recently, I've been reading books by G. Campbell Morgan. Dr. Morgan was an expository preacher from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in Britain. In his one book, *Preaching*, he suggests that preachers should teach or preach on topics the Holy Spirit is challenging or speaking to the person while reading Scripture. When a preacher does that, he suggests, the sermon or teaching will be filled with more passion and understanding. The *Life of Freedom Ministries* newsletters and Bible studies may not be preaching, but the same kind of attention to the Bible is given as G. Campbell Morgan gave in his sermons. With this in mind, I want to share about finding joy in Christ. The emphasis is two aspects of looking at joy in my life.

In Nehemiah 8, the Jews were experiencing the reading of the Book of the Law. The people were

given instruction and understanding of the Law. As they listened, they were so troubled that they had been weeping. However, they were instructed as well to celebrate instead of grieving. God wanted them to celebrate the fact that now again the Jews were learning His word and could apply it in their lives. It is evident in Nehemiah 8 & 9 that the people and the leaders of the people believed God's Law and intended to now obey the Law.

The Jews were experiencing grief and joy at the same time. This experience is similar to my experience in ministry. I often hear horrific, grief causing stories of people's life events. Although it may not occur in the same ministry session, I also experience the joy of seeing a person healed and set from evil spirits. Like with the Jews in Nehemiah's time, it is the joy of the Lord that helps me through listening to tragic stories. I know God has healing for the person.

Similarly, the Apostle Paul lived out in personal experience the double emotion of having joy while in the midst of trial. He could write Romans 12:12 with conviction because he did it himself. In Acts 16, in the Name of Jesus Paul had freed a woman of a spirit of divination. His act led him and Silas to being arrested. They were severely flogged and put in prison. In the prison, they could not have been very comfortable at all. Their feet were fastened into stocks and they were in the inner cell, which likely had foul odor and may have been cold. Nonetheless, Paul and Silas were *singing!* They were singing hymns to God. The two men were reaching out to God and finding joy in His strength.

How Paul endured and persevered through his trials amazes me. It is my desire to have the same mindset that he had: to find joy in the Lord. Satan and his host attack Christians to stop them from sharing the Gospel and leading people to freedom in Christ Jesus. Certainly, some struggles that I experience are due to demonic attack. I, and all believers, must trust in God and His sovereignty. I can choose to be like Paul and sing hymns to God...perhaps in my heart to save the ears of those around me! ☺

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will study more of the topic of joy. All are invited to attend.

Last month, I asked for prayer support for new contributors. The financial status of *Life of Freedom Ministries* is at the lowest point in five years. Please continue to pray for new contributors and for me to be able to reach people who would like to support LFM. Also, I ask that if you are not a regular financial contributor, that you prayerfully consider donating.

#### **Final Thoughts:**

It is indeed true that I have the joy and privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit minister to a person as he or she is set free. However, I also have the experience hearing many, many very sad stories that people have endured. The emotional drain at times can be overwhelming. Like Paul in prison I have to turn to God and His truth of victory and presence with us. I encourage you also to find joy in the Lord in times of trouble.

*Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,*

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