

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The summer has quickly gone by, and for the first time in my home, all three children are in school! Alan, Allison, and Anthony were excited to go to school, as it is a new experience for all three, since they are all attending Clinton Christian School for the first time. We feel blessed to be back in the CCS community. I'm looking forward to this coming season of autumn, and I generally enjoy this season the best. I pray a joyful, blessed season for you as well.

Praises:

I praise God for bringing more people to *Life of Freedom Ministries* who are need of ministry. "Business" had been slow, but God in His timing is renewing the work.

Again this month, I praise God for the evidence of His work of healing and bringing freedom to clients. Even if I doubt my abilities to help people, I can count on Him to bring healing.

I praise God and am so thankful for the response to the need of donations. I am hopeful that we will continue to be able to meet payroll each month.

Short Report:

The word that described this particular client was discontent. Struggling with a number of issues the person was hindered in Christian life. The process of doing the inventory brought anguish, as it touched the wounds of guilt and shame about the past. Accusations from relatives enhanced the feelings for the client. As this person prayed prayers of confession, deep expressions of sorrow were released. It was a beautiful thing to watch the Holy Spirit minister to this person. After confession of sins, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we confronted a few evil spirits that were present. They had no ground and were ordered to depart. The Holy Spirit then brought healing to the client, especially for guilt and shame. At the last session, the Holy Spirit continued to bring healing, as the person had a few more items brought to mind between sessions. The client concluded there was now contentedness and left in the peace of Christ!

Something to Consider:

Isaiah 61:1-3—*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
2 to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
3 and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,*

*and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.*

In Luke 4:18-19, Jesus begins His ministry by quoting verses one and two of Isaiah 61. This passage has become very meaningful for me personally and in ministry. Often, I have my clients read this passage, and it has brought a great deal of comfort. Many who come to *Life of Freedom Ministries* are brokenhearted. They are captives to the powers of darkness and feel like prisoners. They mourn over their shattered lives, as the client above did. Indeed, many come for ministry because they are in great turmoil.

I am so thankful for the promise that God gives in verse three. He will give them “oil of joy instead of mourning.” Time and time again, He ministers to the brokenhearted and sets free the captives. God is at work in these clients’ lives to make something beautiful out of messes. Sometimes these messes are messes they made. Other times, they are not. Either way, God is at work to make good out of these situations for His glory. As the client above left feeling content and at peace, the person was able to praise God, doing so repeatedly before leaving. God’s promise was fulfilled, for His purpose of displaying His splendor.

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next monthly Bible study will be on Monday, September 9th at 6:30pm. I’d love for you to join us!

Please continue to pray for new contributors and for me to be able to reach people who would like to support LFM. *I am so thankful for those who have responded to the request!* However, we are still below where we normally are at this time of year. Again, I ask that if you are not a regular financial contributor, that you prayerfully consider donating. Also, if you know of someone who would be interested in supporting this ministry through prayer, finances, or words of encouragement, please let them know about LFM!

Some new speaking engagements are in the works. Please pray for the details to work out and for the meetings to go well.

Final Thoughts:

At the September Bible study, we will look further at this topic of God making beauty out of ashes. We will look at some examples in Scripture for our discussion. Just as the client in the case report left feeling content, so can we have that experience and then and bring praise to God.

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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