

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

It's honor to write another newsletter and share with you a little bit about what is happening. It has been a busy month of ministry with many appointments. With the busy-ness of summer, there have been a number of changes to schedules for clients' work and activities. Thankfully, the Living God has made it possible for good adjustments so that ministry could carry on!

Praises:

God has graciously continued to bring people to LFM for ministry. I praise Him for how He faithfully brings healing and freedom.

May God be praised again and again for how He has provided for ministry. I'm blessed routinely with words of encouragement, prayer support, and contributions. I'm humbled and very grateful for God's goodness.

I praise God for the ministry oversight board. We had another meeting on July 17, and it was an enjoyable time of discussion.

Special Thanks:

On July 11, LFM lost a strong prayer supporter when Merianne Shafer passed away. She was a friend from my years of learning under Dean Hochstetler and prayer meetings at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. She continued to support us in prayer since we started full time ministry. To honor Merianne's love and support of LFM, memorial gifts have been made to LFM in her name. If you knew Merianne, we invite you to also honor her by making a *memorial gift* in her name. If you did not know Merianne, you are invited to make a *tribute gift* in recognition of a person or a special event in your life that is meaningful. Please make your checks out to: "LFM" and designate whom or what you are remembering or honoring.

Your gifts will be used to sustain the ministry of LFM as people are freed from bondage to sin and lies. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and support.

Update:

For your convenience, I've made an arrangement with INterra Credit Union. Instead of needing to write out "Life of Freedom Ministries" on donation checks, you now can make them out to "LFM."

Reminder to go online to the LFM website whenever you are going to make a purchase through Amazon.com. If you go the ministry website we receive .5% as a donation!

Short Report:

For certain aspects of her life, fear was a key factor for Ms. K. For example, when she came to saving faith, she feared the Holy Spirit. Since then, fear has also burdened her in regard to fearing condemnation from others. Moreover, she feared being around men. She felt

intimidated when around couples. These fears caused Ms. K to feel uncomfortable in many settings. In a ministry session with Ms. K, I led her in confessing to God these fears, and others. She confessed to God all the fears, and then cancelled the ground that was given to any evil spirits. Finally, any spirits that were connected to these fears were ordered to identify themselves. Sure enough, spirits named Fear of Shame and Fear were found. They had no right to stay and were evicted in the Name of Jesus Christ! When Jesus started His ministry, He said He came to set the captives free (Luke 4). He is still setting the captives free today, as Ms. K was set free of spirits of fear.

Something to Consider:

1 John 4:18—¹⁸There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

2 Timothy 1:7—⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

As it often happens, God speaks to me in various settings. Such has been the case in regard to fear. I've heard the topic of fear in sermons, books I've read, discussions, and in ministry sessions. It is sad when I see how fear has hindered a person. Many different types of things are feared, as the case report of Ms. K shows. I believe fully that God wants us to live abundant lives, not hindered by fear. He wants us to know that He is a good God and that we can trust Him and His goodness.

I use these two passages to remind the client that God really is a God of love. Sometimes these passages alone bring comfort, but even greater comfort comes when the person experiences the Holy Spirit ministering and bringing healing to the fear. Just as it happened with Ms. K, and many others, God is still at work to bring us freedom so we can live full, abundant lives for Him!

A prayer card that I use in regard to fear and worry has a line that says: "I see Your call to life as a loving call." Indeed, God is a good God who we can trust. We may not see how things are going to turn out for our good, but He is at work to redeem us and the situations that may be scary. His love for us is great! The prayer also says, "I choose to be obedient to Your Word and not be crippled by fear and worry." If fear is troubling you, I encourage you to choose to believe that God is good and is on your side!

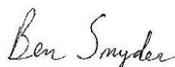
Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for God's continued work of organizing the schedule. With more people calling, the times fill up fast!

Please pray for my strength to endure. I never realized how one needs to be "in shape" for ministry!

Please lift up in prayer all those who come for ministry. I often hear how they are fearful when coming, so please pray for them to be able to relax and allow God to minister to them.

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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