

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

Thank you for taking the time to read the July newsletter! So much can be done in the summertime that taking a few moments to read a newsletter honors me. I'm so very grateful for all of the support that people have given to *Life of Freedom Ministries*. Thank you!

## **Praises:**

I praise God for a wonderful week of vacation with my family. We were able to spend a few days camping, and another few days visiting relatives. I can't exactly call the time of hiking, biking, playing games, and cooking around a fire "restful," but it was certainly enjoyable.

I praise God for how He has continued to call me to ministry, and bring many new people to LFM. I'm still shocked at times that I have this privilege.

I praise God for His work in setting captives free, like the report below. I'm looking forward to continuing in ministry.

## **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:**

Despite a troubled life, Mr. N had come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. He believed and understood the Scriptures and the truth of God's love for him. Also, he understood in his mind God's forgiveness. In his heart, however, he had trouble appropriating this truth. He began to question his salvation, and at the very least he assumed he was blocking the Holy Spirit from working in him. In a ministry session, we asked the Holy Spirit to bring to his mind a wound from his life that was hindering him. He felt fear, but no memory came to mind. It was then brought to mind how he desired well-being and comfort, but didn't receive it. I asked the Holy Spirit to show him if there was a lie that Mr. N was believing. Indeed, he was believing a lie: that he deserved all of his life's troubles. In fact, he was believing he deserved the worst. He assumed everyone thought he was bad! Mr. N confessed the sin of believing this lie and cancelled any ground given to the enemy by believing the lies. Sure enough, spirits named Disdain and Mockery admitted their presence and that they had to go. They did leave, and Mr. N felt more at peace, as God comforted him and helped him to know in his heart he is forgiven.

## Something to Consider:

**2 Corinthians 12:7**—*To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.*

**Hebrews 12:7**—*Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?*

Mr. N is not the first person who came for ministry because of the lie of deserving affliction. The two passages above have been used by the forces of darkness to deceive a person into believing that the trouble the demons are bringing are necessary. Mr. N's life had some poor choices, but greater than that, Mr. N had wounds from the poor choices that others made. These choices had bad consequences that were not his fault. The enemy took advantage of those wounds and convinced him that he deserved the wounding.

Although the Apostle Paul had a thorn in the flesh, I've yet to encounter in ministry a spirit being able to stay when claiming to be sent from God for this purpose. So often, clients had to endure the afflictions of demons for many years, when they could have been set free. Praise God that Jesus did indeed come to set us all free!

I want to make clear that I'm not disregarding 2 Corinthians 12:7 or Hebrews 12:7 and saying they do not apply to today. Certainly, we do experience God's discipline, but it will be done in love. For example, Paul knew the purpose of the thorn, and often clients have no idea why they are being "disciplined." God's love for us keeps Him from letting go of us, and He's not a mean God! His loving discipline will draw us to Him and be empowered by Him, not minimize us and push us down.

## Prayer Concerns:

This month, please continue to pray for those who are coming for ministry and that the sessions will be fruitful.

## Final Thoughts:

In reflecting more about Mr. N, I'm saddened by how lowly he thought of himself. Satan loves to beat us up and get us to beat ourselves too! I see it so often, and am not immune to these attacks. God intervened and showed Mr. N the truth of who he is: a saint in Christ Jesus! I encourage you to read Ephesians 1-2 to be reminded of who you are in Him!

*Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,*



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