

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

My youngest child is in kindergarten, and as he has learned about the seasons, he was sure that April was going to be a time for rain. The rain hasn't bothered him (as long as he still can have his baseball practice). He knows that after the rain, we will have many flowers in May! He's excited about the coming flowers and their beauty, as am I. God has made each season have a beauty of its own, and the new life of spring blesses me and encourages me to press on for Him. I pray that the beauty of this season encourages you as well.

Praises:

I praise God joyfully for His setting captives free! Yet again in the past month, I had the privilege of seeing evil spirits evicted from people and even more importantly, saw the Holy Spirit bring healing.

I praise God for the support He has given through the oversight board. We had a quarterly meeting at the end of April, and the time was very encouraging for me. They have blessed me in many ways.

I praise God for the mercy and grace He has for me and my ministry. At this time last year, we were in a desperate position financially. This year, we have been tremendously blessed with the funds needed for expenses!

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."

Short Report:

"I'm evil, dangerous, and a monster." This was the way this person thought of himself. He could not differentiate between what he had done and who he was. The reason for the powerful belief in this lie was because of the severe trauma in childhood. It was literally beat into the man when he was a child by a parent that he was bad. Therefore, he has always believed that there was something wrong with him. He was angry at himself, literally hating himself. That anger then was taken out on others, leading to many sins. These sins then only reinforced his view of how evil he was. It has been a process for this wounded man of learning how God sees him as well as his position of righteousness in Christ. It has taken time, as he continues to appropriate the truth in his life of who he is in Him. As he acknowledges a lie, he has felt release when evil spirits are commanded to depart. God is at work bringing freedom even to captives today!

Something to Consider:

Ephesians 2:6-7—*⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.*

The lie from Satan and his host, or a variation of it, that we are just too evil to be loved, be saved, or ever be free comes up often in ministry. I could give many case reports like the one above. In fact, it is a lie that I at times must battle. The evil one loves to get us to look at the record of our sins and failures in life so that we do not look what God has done for us. What God has done for is tremendous!

Ephesians 2:6-7 is only a portion of all that we have in Christ. The whole of Ephesians chapter one through chapter two, verse seven, has *many* wonderful promises of being in Him. I noted verse six because being seated in Christ is our place of authority over the evil spirits. For the man above, he was not seeing himself as seated in Christ at all. It just did not seem possible! Instead of him being in authority over the demons, they were deceiving him that he was too evil to have that place with Christ.

Certainly, outside of being in Christ, we don't have the ability to deal with the demons. However, no matter what we've done, being in Christ washes all of that away! As God ministered to the man, he began to see the truth. I shared with him what Dr. Tim Warner shared with me recently: "*Keep looking down—from where you are seated with Christ in the heavenlies!*" His words were extremely encouraging for me, and they were for the man. May they encourage you too!

Prayer Concerns:

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—I am discontinuing the Bible studies for a season. When they start up again, I will announce it in the newsletter at least a month before it begins.

The situation for each client is unique. Sometimes the process of freedom in Christ comes quickly. For others, it can take time. Currently, I have clients who need prayer to be encouraged to continue on and resist the works of the enemy. The powers of darkness do not quit! Please be in prayer for these clients to continue to appropriate the victory already won in Christ.

Final Thoughts:

Because of our position in Christ, when we are dealing with evil spirits, we are working from victory, not toward it. Jesus has already won the victory for us, and we simply need to appropriate it against them. That's why they want us to believe these lies, such as we are evil and a monster. Praise God! Victory is won in Christ! We can, in Him, know the truth of who we are, address any ground that was given to the demons, and be free!

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,



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