

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

I'm so glad to be writing the next newsletter, with the opportunity to share more about what God has been doing through *Life of Freedom Ministries*. During the month of March, I was blessed to see a number of hurting people healed and set free of evil spirits. Listening to the accounts of hurt and pain can be very sobering and taxing, but the reward of seeing smiles and tears of joy is great!

Praises:

I praise God for the fun and successful community fundraiser at Bob Evans last month. It was nice to see a number of you there! ***Thank you for coming out and supporting LFM!***

I praise God for a number of works of freedom this past month. It has been interesting how a number of clients have been dealing with spirit issues in their homes, affecting their children. It is a great relief and blessing to hear that they are free of the turmoil!

I praise God for a good week of rest I had in March. I certainly needed some time for prayer, Bible study, and even some good naps.

Short Report:

Mr. & Ms. A came for help just because of sense not fully living for Jesus. They greatly desired to honor him and be free of any hindrances. Working through the spiritual inventory went smoothly, as well as confession of some sins of the past. In the process of confronting the evil spirits in the husband, the spirits were quick to obey and acknowledge their presence to his mind. At one point there was a delay. In fact, the delay was so strong, I was getting concerned about what to do next. Finally the spirit answered, and sure enough the spirit's name was Procrastination. This particular spirit was shared by the whole family. However, he had lost his legal right to stay, and was cast out, never to return. We invited the Holy Spirit to fill the family with His Spirit to empower them to be timely in all they do. This case was evidence once again of Christ's victory at Calvary!

Something to Consider:

Matthew 17:15, 18—¹⁵“Lord, have mercy on my son,” he said. “He has seizures and is suffering greatly. He often falls into the fire or into the water...”¹⁸ Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed at that moment.

Since Satan is the father of lies, (John 8:44), it is not surprising that he uses lies in any way he can. One lie that the Enemy has used is that demons cause all physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual problems. Such a view of spirits would lead to the conclusion that simply casting out the evil spirit will

solve the problem entirely. This idea simply is not true. For instance, I often hear that epilepsy, among other things, is always caused by demons. If the demons are cast out, the epilepsy will go away. The account in Matthew 17 shows that *in this case* the boy's epilepsy was due to demons. However, it is not always caused by demons. The same needs to be said about depression, another affliction that is often assumed to always be demonic.

The truth is that demons usually just "piggyback" on tendencies that a person has. Mr. A's ancestry had a tendency to procrastinate to the point that an evil spirit claimed residence to make matters worse. It became a stronghold that could not be overcome without deliverance from the evil spirit. That does not mean that each person who tends to procrastinate is demonized with an evil spirit called Procrastination! Even without the evil spirit there, Mr. A needed to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to have a new mindset to not delay in life's activities that needed to be done on time. Certainly, with the demon gone, he'd have greater success, but it is up to him to use God's empowerment to overcome the old way of living.

We must be careful in labeling our troubles as demonic, like saying, "a spirit of..." is causing our problems. Instead, I prefer the approach that, "If there are any evil spirits behind this struggle, or if evil spirits are making the matter worse, I come against them in the Name of Jesus Christ." We are addressing any possible demonic work, while also recognizing that we need to deal with our own human issues. It is a way of rejecting the lie of Satan that all burdens are due to demons.

Finally, let's remember that whether the issue originates in a demonic burden, a demon is piggybacking on the burden, or the burden is a matter of human nature, Christ Jesus is big enough to set us free. Mr. A was sheepish when he confessed that he was a procrastinator, but was delighted at the prospect of being different. By God's power, he now is able to overcome the stronghold of procrastinating.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for those who are contemplating calling for ministry that they will have the courage to make the call!

Since it seems that the amount of spirit problems in homes, what may be called "hauntings" are increasing, please pray for those families as they work through these times. Long nights with little sleep certainly makes matters worse!

Please pray for clear direction for ministry, especially in regard to expanding the work of LFM.

Serving Christ Jesus,



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