

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

I hope that as you read this newsletter, you are experiencing the blessings that God has for us in the spring. For the Snyder family, May was a busy month! Alan had his 13th birthday, Mother's Day, my sister's graduation from Bethel College (IN) and moving her to her new home, an anniversary (#16 for Angela and me), and the beginning of baseball and softball season. Since it is the last month of school as well, the days were really full! Nonetheless, it was an enjoyable time for sure.

Praises:

As I noted above, May 30 was our 16th wedding anniversary. I'm very blessed to have Angela as my wife!

The last month had some clients that came from quite a distance. I'm thankful for their safe travels, and for the Lord Jesus ministering to them and bringing freedom.

Announcement:

Nappanee First Brethren Church (1600 North Main Street, Nappanee, IN 46550) is hosting Dr. Charles Kraft on June 15-16 for his seminar: *Two Hours to Freedom*. On Monday June 15, the meeting time is 6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m. For Tuesday June 16, the meeting time is 1 p.m.—9 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes an outline. A meal ticket for Tuesday's supper is \$8 (the meal ticket is optional as you may bring your own meal.)

For more information about the seminar but not payment for registration, contact NFBC office at 574-773-4252. You can also contact the Hearts Set Free Ministry office (ask for Judy) 626-354-6973 for online registration payment questions. Finally, you can go to their website (Please be sure to spell it correctly—especially note the two "ss") www.heartssetfree.org.

Dr. Kraft will be speaking at Nappanee First Brethren Church at both morning services on Sunday June 14—8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Dr. Kraft conducts seminars within the United States and throughout the world in Deep Level Healing, Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare; equipping people to do what Jesus did. Many people have been and continue to be healed and set free through his ministry. I have greatly benefited from Dr. Kraft's teaching and encouragement in ministry.

Short Report:

"You're not crazy," I said to Ms. OO. I sensed that she was thinking this, and indeed she was. Her mind was tormented and confused to the point that she didn't know what thoughts were really her own. Therefore, she felt she was crazy. The reality was that evil spirits were bombarding her mind with accusing, condemning thoughts. They filled her with thoughts like, "You are a fool." In confronting the demons, they claimed that they had an assignment to be with her. We took our authority in the mighty name of Jesus and broke that assignment. I then confronted the demons that were there, and the chief spirit, named Deception, acknowledged his presence to her mind. Ms. OO admitted that she often felt deceived. Deception admitted that his ground was cancelled and he departed. She began to think more clearly at that point. I gave her instructions on how to take thoughts captive, based on 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, and deal with the attacks of the enemy. She left with renewed hope, and new peace in her heart.

In the following ministry session, it was found that these spirits that were given the assignment to be with her came from a relative that was angry with her. He was involved in witchcraft and sent the spirits against her to retaliate for a wrong he had perceived she had done. She had entertained the thoughts the demons planted in her mind, allowing

them to take up residence. We were able to cancel all of the lies that she was believing and break all of the ground that they claimed. The evil spirits were cast out, and we invited the Holy Spirit to fill all of Ms. OO's being and bring her healing. Even her physical body was feeling better. By the power and authority of Jesus' finished work on the cross, the occult works of witchcraft were rendered ineffective and a person was set free!

Something to Consider:

Deuteronomy 18:10-11—¹⁰ *Let no one be found among you who sacrifices their son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, ¹¹ or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.*

Luke 8:32-33—³² *A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. ³³ When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.*

Although Western society has been inundated with occult philosophy and practices on television, in movies, in techniques, and more, the idea of some being afflicted because of witchcraft is not really taken seriously. In fact, even in the Christian church today, many believe that the accounts of Jesus delivering people from evil spirits in the New Testament was actually Jesus delivering a person from mental illness. The case report regarding Ms. OO should show that evil spirits are indeed real, and witchcraft is also a reality. The spirits were affecting her whole being: mind, emotions, and even her body. The change she experienced was sudden. It was not simple mental switch in her mind that changed everything. She was not crazy or mentally ill; she was afflicted by evil spirits who were out for her destruction.

Many ask why Jesus allowed the demons to go into the swine from the demonized man in Luke 8 (the account is also given in Mark 5 and Matthew 8). I have no idea why He did that. I am grateful that He did, though. How could mental illness leave a man and make a herd of pigs stampede to their death? The same evil spirits that caused a man to be severely anti-social also caused the pigs to drown themselves.

Two points must be added about this topic. First, this commentary in no way is saying that there is not such a thing as mental illness. There indeed is mental illness that afflicts people too. Sometimes even when evil spirits are cast out, a person must address the reality of mental illness.

Second, the reality of evil spirits and witchcraft that is done in the world does not need to cause us fear. As with Ms. OO, we have victory in Christ Jesus. She was set free because of His finished work on the Cross. We need not fear what the enemy can do, because in the Name of Jesus Christ, we are more than conquerors against their works!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for clients who have come from a long distance and are not able to have regular follow up visits. They need our prayers for spiritual support.

Please pray for me for continued strength, wisdom, and discernment in lending a hand to hurting people. There are many, many people who need to experience the healing touch of Jesus Christ!

Serving Christ Jesus,



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