

# *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 May newsletter that you are experiencing the warmth of the spring sunshine, and can enjoy the sense of newness of life that spring brings. Almost everywhere we go, as we are driving I'll hear something like, "Aww! Look at the lambs (or baby horses, or calves...!)" My wife and daughter become giddy with the joy of the babies. I've learned to expect such comments and be careful not to look too quickly so I stay on the road!

## **Praises:**

I praise God for some amazing experiences of deliverance and healing in the last month. What a blessing it is to see people who had been extremely burdened set free!

I praise God for being able to connect with some friends who have supported ministry for a number of years. Their support and encouragement is valuable for me in ministry!

## **A Couple of Notes:**

If you are monthly contributor, or would like to be a monthly contributor, and would like to do a direct deposit for your donation, please contact me. We can set it up, if your banking institution allows you to do so.

Also, some new copies of the book *The Ministry of Dean Hochstetler* are available at the LFM office. The books are paperback (9" x 6" and 1/2" thick). The cost is \$10 each.

## **Short Report:**

Mr. & Ms. A came for help just because of a sense of not fully living for Jesus. They greatly desired to honor him and be free of any hindrances. Working through 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 to never return. We invited the Holy Spirit to fill the family with His Spirit to empower them to be timely in all they do. This was evidence once again of Christ's victory at Calvary!

## **Something to Consider:**

**Ephesians 2:6—<sup>6</sup>** *And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,*

**Colossians 2:13-15—<sup>13</sup>** *When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, <sup>14</sup> having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood*

*against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

After the Holy Spirit evicted the demon during the ministry session reported above, I had a good chuckle. It amused me that an evil spirit named “Procrastination” would actually procrastinate! During the confrontation when the spirit would not give his identity to the person’s mind, I was getting perturbed. We all were aware that the person was being troubled by a spirit. Even the man himself said he could sense the presence of the spirit. I wondered, “What is going on?”

At times, a situation like this can cause me to doubt my authority over the evil spirits that I have in Christ Jesus. When I do that, I’ve given into the lie of the enemy! Each Christian is in this position of authority, not just me or others who are involved in deliverance. *All believers are in Christ and have authority over the spirits.* Thankfully, the Holy Spirit encouraged me to press on in my authority and the spirit finally obeyed. The man was set free!

It is imperative for those who are going through deliverance to remember this truth of their identity as well. The enemy is not likely to leave them alone between sessions or even after being set free. They need to know that in the Name of Jesus Christ, they can command the spirits to comply and leave or give what right they have to stay. In fact, there have been times where a client came to the next session after having evicted a spirit or found out its right to be there! Praise God for their ability to stand against the spirits in their Christian authority!

Remember, Christian authority doesn’t mean we have authority over people and can boss them around. It also does not mean we can be cocky toward evil spirits, like saying things like “Bring it on!” They will bring it on, and such arrogance can hinder the authority you have. We must remember that this authority comes from Christ and is to be used responsibly. We should remember, as LFM Board member Ken Yoder often says, “Know whose you are, and who you are in Christ.” It is about Him and what He has done for us, so we can be set free!

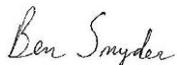
**Prayer Concerns:**

Please continue to pray for protection for me and my family from demonic retaliation.

Please pray for clients who come that they can understand the need of remembering who they are in Christ, and then for them to use the truth in their battle with the enemy.

Please pray for clients who are fearful of sharing all of their burdens. At times, people hold back out of fear they will be perceived as “crazy.” Pray for God to give them courage to unload all of their freight.

Serving Christ Jesus,



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