

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The last month likely had ups and downs for all of you. Some may have experienced deep sorrows and others wonderfully joyful experiences. I pray that through the ups and downs, you all will be drawn further to the Living God.

Praises:

I praise God for His steadfastness in ministry. A number of cases have been ongoing, and even at times difficult. God is faithful in seeing the person through to freedom.

I praise God for the joy of seeing a family become more stable because of healing of one of the parents.

Short Report:

Rejection from friends and family often brings strong hurt to a person, and that hurt often leads to feelings of resentment and anger. Such was the case for both the husband and wife. As a child, the husband felt rejected by the parents because they had a dysfunctional home, where mother was controlling and mean. If his father didn't back down, it became a huge dramatic fight, even in front of the children. The fighting traumatized all of the children. The wife had inherited curses of negative, shameful, self-hating thoughts. She too felt rejected. On top of that after marriage, they felt rejection from their church and friends. The spirits were confronted, and a spirit named Shame was residing with both of them. The key to the shame was believing lies about themselves and about God and what He thought of them. The spirit of Shame departed, as well as a few other spirits that helped Shame. They both looked so much more at peace, and they affirmed they felt that way. When I asked the Holy Spirit to minister to the wife, He showed her a picture of how He saw her. She became a bit embarrassed, because it was so loving and kind, but the joy and sense of being loved was on her face. Though humans had rejected them, the Lord received them.

Something to Consider:

Psalm 27:10—¹⁰ *Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.*

John 15:18—¹⁸ *"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.*

Mark 10:16—¹⁶ *And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

Jesus informed His disciples in John 15 that they were going to encounter opposition. They would be rejected, not accepted, even hated by people. The disciples were to keep in mind that the hatred against them was because of Him. The world hated Him first, and their identification in Him would cause the world to hate them as well. In my mind, such opposition would be easier to handle. I have a

hard time understanding how, or why, people would reject Christ, but I can understand how they would reject me if they reject Him.

A more challenging thought, or question, is that of why those who at least claim to be a believer in Jesus Christ would hate and reject someone. Unfortunately, I encounter such a thing in ministry, often. The case report above is just one example of people who have dealt with the pain of rejection. Parents, spouses, children, old friends, and more have rejected those who were close to them. Many times, I'm told these offenders were believers in Christ.

Some may differentiate between rejecting someone and hatred. To the wounded party, it sure feels like hatred! The pain is powerful, and usually the pain leads to lies, and more and more lies. An example from the case report is the Shame the couple carried. The evil spirit used the lie to cause them to feel ashamed in regard to people who did not really reject them! Their pain only increased because of the evil spirits piggy backing on the original wound of rejection and hatred.

The couple need deliverance and healing. As Psalm 27 shows, God is faithful and did indeed receive them. He brought them healing and set them free. Many times in ministry sessions, a client will ask, "Why didn't God do anything?" I respond that He did do something. He sent His Son to bring freedom and bring healing. The couple above did experience His love and acceptance. They were able to reject the lies of how others were seeing them because they knew they no longer needed to feel ashamed.

If you have experienced, even in a small way, hate and rejection from someone who you would think would not do so, I encourage you to seek the Lord Jesus. He will not reject you, but will receive you. Just as Jesus received and blessed the little children (Mark 10:16), He will accept you and bring healing! Often I read this passage to people who were wounded as children, and it has a powerful impact on them. The Lord's healing work takes the pain from the memory and brings comfort. No doubt, it is a true blessing of the Lord.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for one particular individual who is in need of God's empowering to forgive and release his anger to Him.

Please pray for my wisdom in Him to grow for ministry. No doubt, if the Holy Spirit is not at work, the ministry goes nowhere!

Please pray for God's ordering in my schedule. God has brought many to LFM for ministry, and I need His discernment to organize my time.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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