

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The fresh air of spring is finally here, and the grass is turning green again. The warmer temperatures are motivating for me. I was particularly blessed to be in Florida the first week of April! No doubt, the new life of spring is nice. However, spring does not compare to the new life in Jesus Christ, which is eternal!

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Praises:

I praise God for His ministering work for me and my family. He has carried us through some difficult times of spiritual attack. As we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord, it is also a time where the forces of darkness like to retaliate. I'm grateful for His protection.

I praise God for the strength He gave last month. Some of the ministry sessions were more intense than normal, but he sustained me and the clients throughout.

Short Report:

Most people who come to LFM for ministry have already come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. Therefore, Mr. S was an unusual case in that he had not put his faith in Him. I read through a number of passages in the Gospels that showed that Jesus is the Christ, and that salvation comes through Him alone. Intellectually, Mr. S could understand and believe, but he could not pray to receive Christ Jesus. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I bound up the spirits that were hindering him from believing, commanding them to get out of the way. He then was free to pray a prayer to accept Christ as Savior! Then he admitted he had been dealing with voices in his head for some time. These voices attacked him with suicidal thoughts. We confronted these spirits, and they disclosed their ground. Mr. S cancelled the ground they claimed and the evil spirits departed as they could not claim anymore right to be with him. He was amazed that his mind could be so clear! From that point, we continued to meet to study the Bible and see how Biblical principles worked in his life.

Something to Consider:

John 8:31-32—³¹ *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

1 John 3:8—⁸ *The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.*

From time to time, I'll be questioned about the idea of Christians being demonized, or having a demon (or evil spirit; they are the same thing) reside in him or her. Therefore, I chose the case report to show the workings

of evil spirits before and after salvation. Mr. S was well educated. He knew in his mind the truth very well. The trouble was, any time he tried to pray to declare his faith in Christ, he simply could not do it! I had to command the spirits in Jesus' name to get out of the way so that he could pray. Once they were not able to interfere, he had no problem praying. He did quite boldly, and calmly.

Nonetheless, even after confessing that the Lord Jesus Christ was his Savior, the spirits were still with him. Their ground was rooted in sins of the ancestry. He confessed the sins of his ancestors and they were forced to leave, as they had no right to stay anymore. Mr. S was a believer and the spirits were still there. Since he was now a believer we could address the ground the spirits held so they could be cast out.

I often explain it in this way. A believer having a demon is similar to having a cold. The cold virus being present does not change who we are, a human being. A demon being present does not change who we are either, a Christian. Now both a cold virus and a demon can have some serious consequences! Sometimes, the cold is very slight and hardly messes with our functioning in life. Other times, the cold virus knocks us out and makes it almost impossible to function, and can lead to further problems. The presence of demons is very similar. Sometimes, they are hardly noticeable in a person's life. Other times, the problems can be quite severe. There is a continuum of degree of problems for a cold and demonization. Just like we need our bodies to fight off and get rid that blasted cold virus so we can be well, we need to get rid of the demon. The Good News is that the Lord Jesus Christ has already defeated the demons (1 John 3:8 and Colossians 2:15), and we can apply that victory against them.

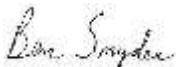
Most importantly, just when a person needs the body to heal and then to continue to care for the body to maintain that health, we need spiritual and emotional healing by the Holy Spirit when the demons depart. God is so faithful at bringing this healing. Ministry is not just a matter of dealing with demons. Instead, it is the ability for a person to commune with God and experience His presence and power to live. Otherwise, we are in danger of more evil spirits coming in and making the situation worse (see Matthew 12:43-45). In the following sessions with Mr. S, as he learned more Biblical truth, he found he had more issues to address. On one occasion, we did encounter another demon. It was both being set free and God ministering to bring healing. Mr. S learned the truth and was set free!

Dr. Karl Payne's book, *Spiritual Warfare: Christians, Demonization, & Deliverance*, is excellent reading on the issue of demonization. He does a terrific job of explaining this reality.

Prayer Concerns:

I'm very honored at how the Lord Jesus continues to send people to LFM for help. The increase in numbers calling means a need to schedule well to lend a hand to hurting people. Therefore, the prayer concern is for the scheduling to work out well and for the Lord to minister to and care for those who have to wait longer for meetings.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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