

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

Happy New Year, everyone! The holidays went by rapidly, and I enjoyed my time with family. It was nice to have some restful days and days with activities and gatherings. For 2016, I pray for each you to experience more and more the truth of the Bible that God indeed loves you.

## **Special Note:**

A very special thank you to everyone who supported LFM last year through prayer, finances, and words of encouragement. The year-end giving was very much a shot in the arm for the financial state for LFM. I appreciate so much the gracious support that is given.

Also, remember throughout the year that if you make purchases from Amazon.com, please enter Amazon.com by going to [www.lifeoffreedom.org](http://www.lifeoffreedom.org) and click on the AmazonSmile icon. Any purchase you make on Amazon.com while entering through this link brings a donation from Amazon to LFM!

## **Praises:**

I'm grateful for how God ministers to me through preachers who share His Word. The encouragement to continue to serve in this capacity builds up courage to press on in service.

With that in mind, I'm grateful to God for the call to ministry, and He continues to send people to LFM for help. The phone calls and emails requesting ministry help continues to increase. I'm humbled and honored to lend a hand to those in need.

The holidays can be troubling for people, and I praise God for His work of deliverance for one particular person. Had the person not been set free from a tormenting spirit, the season could very well have been not a time of joy and celebration at all.

## **Short Report:**

Occasionally in ministry sessions while confronting evil spirits, a person will experience body memories. These memories are likely attacks of the evil spirits to torment the person. Ms. Q had such an experience. She began to feel hot poking or bites around her body, especially her legs. An evil spirit named Fire had claimed legal ground with her from a traumatic childhood experience. As a preschooler, she had fallen onto a red ant nest. The ants didn't care for her invasion of their home and began to bite her. It was an accident, but Ms. Q got in trouble with her parents and took on the blame. At the same time, she was angry at her parents for the blame. When Ms. Q put the whole matter on Calvary's cross, the spirits had no right to stay and they were cast out. The beautiful part came when the Holy Spirit comforted Ms. Q and brought healing to her wounded emotions. The hot poking on her legs stopped and never returned.

## **Something to Consider:**

**Genesis 3:4—<sup>4</sup>** *"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman.*

**Luke 4:9-10**—<sup>9</sup> *The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here.<sup>10</sup> For it is written...”*

Deception: the leading method of the demonic host in attacking people. Demons are not gentlemen, and they are more than willing to attack and deceive even a young child. This kind of case report is one that I encounter all too often. A person, usually as a child, experiences some sort of emotional wound. Then the enemy takes advantage of the situation and deceives the child into believing a lie. The lie can be about God, the person, those involved in the wounding event, those who didn't stop the event, or just life in general.

The trouble with deception is that it is hard to see through these tactics. Satan and his host have been twisting and misrepresenting the truth since the beginning when Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden. Satan even tried to do it with the Lord Jesus when he was tempting Him. Jesus was able to see through the situation and knew that Satan was twisting the truth to get Him to sin. How important is it then for us to prayerfully ask God to fill us with the Holy Spirit to guard us from deception! One of my mentors has said to me, and has written in different writings, to pray daily for God's protection against deception. His instruction I take seriously! I know I've been deceived in the past, and don't want it to happen again.

I also encourage you to take time, even daily in your prayer time, to invite the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind any lies that you may be believing. Perhaps there will be a lie that you will need to renounce. Ms. Q had to renounce some lies that she believed about herself because of the event with the red ants. If a lie does come to mind, you can renounce it as well and declare the truth. It can be helpful to have such a prayer time with a trusted friend to help you as well. Also, after the lie is exposed, you can ask the Holy Spirit to show you more truth that you need to know in regard to the matter.

I've enjoyed the privilege of seeing God bring healing to a hurting person, and the healing with Ms. Q was one of the best. When the truth was brought to her mind, and she realized that she wasn't a "bad girl," she lit up with joy. It is my experience that this kind of healing is available to all believers. I believe it is an example of releasing the oppressed (Luke 4:18). As you reject the lies and walk in the truth, may 2016 be a wonderful year for you!

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

As I noted in the Praise section, I value encouragement. As another person recently shared, it is overwhelming when I see so many in need. For this ministry, it is spiritual need that I see, and sometimes it seems impossible. Thankfully, nothing is impossible for God! So please pray for my strength and energy to serve this year.

I love winter-time, but the weather can cause problems in scheduling. Please pray for God's wisdom in scheduling the ministry meetings this winter.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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