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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Thanks again for taking time to read through the monthly newsletter. Next month, there is a possibility that my family I will be relocating to east of Goshen. If our house is able to sell, we will be able to move closer to our church and school. If it does not sell, we'll stay put! The ministry will move also. Should we sell, more details will come in the July newsletter of the address changes as well as contact changes.

Special Note:

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Praises:

I praise God for His working out scheduling. More than once in the last month, even though one person had to cancel, the door was opened for another to be helped.

I praise God for the insight He gives when it is needed. I'm positive He gives me the right question to ask at the right time that leads the person to know what to address.

Short Report:

During times of serious emotional pain, sometimes a person can choose to simply stuff the pain and not feel it any longer. In essence, the person is making a vow to never feel anything in regard to the certain painful subject. The pain usually "bubbles up" in other aspects of life. At times in ministry, demons interfere with healing for these hurts and pains because of the vows. In the case with Ms. I, the demons interfered to the point the client could not speak, or even move. On the client's behalf, I cancelled the curses in Jesus' name for the vow to feel the pain or even speak of the pain. After doing that, commanding the spirits to release the client, and reading scripture of the position of a believer over the demons, they released the person. Then, repeating me word by word, the client broke the curse from the vow to never feel the pain or even speak of the pain. The person then felt relief as the Holy Spirit began to heal the hurt that was there.

Something to Consider:

Matthew 5:33-37—³³ "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.' ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

1 Samuel 14:24 & 44—²⁴ Now the Israelites were in distress that day, because Saul had bound the people under an oath, saying, “Cursed be anyone who eats food before evening comes, before I have avenged myself on my enemies!” So none of the troops tasted food...⁴⁴ Saul said, “May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if you do not die, Jonathan.”

Working with Ms. I was a little bit more dramatic than what I’m commonly experiencing. It was intense for a little while as she simply did not talk or respond. I had been taught by Dean Hochstetler that something of this sort was very possible, but I had never seen it first-hand. Thankfully, I believe the Holy Spirit revealed the vow that was made, and we were able to come against the spirits.

The issue of making vows comes up from time to time in ministry sessions, especially in cases where the person experienced trauma as a child. After the person has been wounded in some fashion, the enemy takes advantage of the situation to cause the person to believe a lie. In response to the lie, the person makes a vow to deal with the pain and the lie. In Ms. I’s case, she vowed to not think or speak about the pain so she would not feel it again. The demon used that vow to literally keep her from talking!

Vows are significant. King Saul made a vow, and it could have cost his son’s life. Jesus also directed to not make vows. Many times, we are not aware that we are making vows. If a person says, “I swear...” it is clear it is a vow. What isn’t clear is when the “I swear” is left out and instead is implied. “I’ll never date a man like that again.” “I’ll never allow a woman to treat me that way!”, or the most common one: “I’ll never be like my mom/dad!” These vows seem to put a bull’s eye on the person, and the enemy works to lead the person to break the vow. The broken vow then increases the enemy’s hold, and the cycle often continues.

As I did with Ms. I, I help people to cancel these vows in Jesus’ name. The wounds, the lies, and the vows all need to be brought into the light, and as the person is open to these truths, the Holy Spirit brings healing. Most of the time, it is not as difficult as it was for Ms. I. Regardless, He is faithful to bring us healing.

I’m indebted to Dr. Marcus Warner for my understanding of this topic. His book, *Understanding the Wounded Heart*, is a great book that explains this in greater depth. You can buy this book at:

https://smile.amazon.com/Understanding-Wounded-Heart-Marcus-Warner-ebook/dp/B00NT0C75E/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1465583376&sr=8-1&keywords=understanding+the+wounded+heart

Prayer Concerns:

As I noted last month, some significant changes are happening for my family. Please pray for us through these adjustments.

As I hinted at in the praises, a number of meetings have been postponed due to sudden conflicts. Please pray for God’s continued work in making scheduling work.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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