

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

If you are reading this newsletter, it means that you have a mom! In May we celebrate Mother's Day, and that may be a joyful time, or it may be a difficult time. I'm fortunate to have a terrific mother, but not everyone does. I hope the May newsletter gives you some encouragement that even if you have difficulty with your parents, you can have healing and acceptance with God.

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Praises:

I praise God for carrying me through a couple of busy months. He sustained me throughout with the energy needed for ministry.

I praise God how every ministry session, He is there and meets the client and me where we are. Sometimes I sense a great heaviness, wanting to help those who are hurting. I must remember to surrender the "fixing" to Him, which relieves me of a great deal of pressure. He is faithful always to bring healing and comfort.

Short Report:

Ms. CC struggled with the feelings of rejection her whole life. The sense of rejection led to a great deal of promiscuity, which led to more and more times of rejection. The evil spirits present in Ms. CC led her into a cycle of relationships that only brought more pain, and little genuine acceptance. Ms. CC. brought her hurt and pain to the Lord Jesus and confessed her sexual sins. She also had participated in a number of occult activities, thinking these activities were harmless. She confessed to God her involvement with these as well. When confronting the evil spirits, the first to admit his presence was Rejection. He was an inherited spirit who worked in her life to get her to be more and more rejected. Fornication and Spiritism were there as well, and they were all cast out. More importantly, the Holy Spirit ministered to her, bringing healing to her hurting heart from the pain of rejection. He assured her that He accepted her and she was loved. The tears of joy flowed gently, and she smiled widely.

Something to Consider:

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

John 1:12-13—¹² *Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—* ¹³ *children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

Mark 10:13-16—¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.” ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

We all long for acceptance, and it's been that way since Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden. Prior to their sin, they were in communion with God. With sin, there was separation, and we've been seeking acceptance ever since. Fortunately, many of us have lives where we are, for the most part, accepted. (It is likely, though, we've faced rejection at some point for some reason). Ms. CC did not have that kind of experience in her life. The more she worked to be accepted, the more she was rejected. The enemy uses these circumstances to drive people to find acceptance in ways that are actually destructive. Notice that Ms. CC was sexually promiscuous and involved in occult activities. Both sinful habits only increased the hold of these evil spirits on her.

What I've seen in ministry is that the worst form of rejection a person can face is to be rejected by one's parents. A spouse's rejection is extremely painful as well. Next would be rejection from family members. All kinds of rejection hurts. Sometimes moments of rejection from childhood lingers without the person even realizing he or she is carrying the hurt!

The good news is that when we turn to Jesus Christ, the living God accepts us! The passages above show that even if one is rejected by his or her parents, God will receive that person. In Christ, we are His children, and He calls the children to Him! Reading these passages has brought a great deal of healing for many who are hurting. They begin to see how much God really does care for them. However, me reading Scripture, or having the person read Scripture, doesn't quite bring the healing that the Holy Spirit does when He speaks to the wounded person. With Ms. CC, it was evident on her face the pain was leaving. When Peter and Paul talk of “divine power” (2 Peter 1:3 and 2 Corinthians 10:4), it does not need to be dramatic. In this case it was calm and peaceful, and brought genuine healing to a wounded person. His actions proved His love and acceptance of Ms. CC.

Prayer Concerns:

Please keep in prayer members of the LFM board. They are a great support for me, and I appreciate them immensely. Two members of the board suffered a significant loss to their family. Your prayers for the Lord's comforting them would be terrific.

The coming couple of months will bring some significant change for our family. Please pray for us as we adjust to these changes.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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