Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Recently in a Sunday school class I was teaching, I noted the word the word "rescue." I often like to refer to Jesus rescuing us, as Paul said He "rescued us from the dominion of darkness" in Colossians 1:13. According to the Merriam Webster dictionary, some synonyms for rescue are: save, save from danger, save the life of, come to the aid of, set free, free, release, liberate, extricate, deliver, redeem, ransom, emancipate, and relieve. All of these apply very well to Jesus and His finished work at Calvary. He came to set us free! I pray that this month you can joyfully celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus with friends and family.

Praises:

I praise God for His faithfulness in carrying my ministry and family through a month of many attacks. Although full moons are often seen superstitiously as days of bad luck, the reality is that full moons and the spring equinox are days that have a great deal of spirit activity. Those who are in league with the enemy strongly attack with their witchcraft and sorcery. Thankfully, Christ has defeated the enemy and we can deal with attacks victoriously.

I praise God for His security again in ministry sessions. The evil spirits are not happy when they are exposed, and in some cases clearly display their displeasure. I know that the protection of the holy angels is there, and the spirits are not allowed to harm me or the client(s).

I praise God for how I continue to learn in ministry sessions in regard to dealing with evil spirits. As the Bible shows, they try to be very sneaky. However, the Holy Spirit has aided me in catching them in their trickery and being prepared for the next time they try to do so.

I praise God for the joy of a new spring. The freshness of the season is invigorating!

Short Report:

It is very common for me to have a client share with me that he or she feels "not good enough." That was the case for Ms. U. Through a number of negative experiences as a child, she began to believe the lie of the enemy that she wasn't good enough. These negative feelings caused her to become angry, and she had trouble hiding the anger in increasing fashion. Ms. U took time to confess that she was an angry person, and a list of other sins that had never been specifically confessed. She also confessed the hurts and pains that she experienced in her life. Included in her prayers of confession was a cancellation of the claims that any evil spirits held on her for the sins, hurts, and pains. When we confronted the spirits, there was a spirit there named Anger. He worked to cause her to either become unnecessarily angry over a matter or to enhance any anger that was legitimate. Because of her confession of the sins to God and cancelling their ground in the name of Jesus Christ, the demons had to go and she was set free. The more important and wonderful thing was that the Holy Spirit brought healing to her wounded heart and showed her that it is indeed a lie that she's not good enough. The demons had taken advantage of the negative experiences and convinced her to view herself differently than God saw her. Praise God! Jesus Christ is victor over these deceiving spirits and a child of God learned of her true identity.

Something to Consider:

2 Corinthians 5:17—¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Romans 7:24-25—²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Accuser, Satan, and his host, thoroughly enjoy attacking believers in Jesus Christ and making them feel worthless. Even if this is not the main reason for coming to LFM for help, a vast majority of clients experience this kind of attack along with the main issue. They feel that they are not good enough, worthless, unwanted, rejected, and/or of little value. The evil spirits so often point to our past sins to show us how bad we are. They may even get help from people who like to remind us of our errors—even errors that are not necessarily sin. As is written in Romans 3:23, everyone has sinned, so the dark spirits have something to try and use against all of us. When a person desires to please the Lord Jesus and live for Him, thinking about the sins done can be very discouraging. It can lead to struggles with things like anger and depression. In some cases, it can snow ball and makes us act more like how we don't want to act. It is possible that it becomes a serious stronghold: a cycle of committing a sin, confessing it, still feeling guilty, being so burdened and angry, and then committing the sin all over again.

The truth is though, when these sins have been put under the blood of Jesus through confession, we have no more need to feel guilty or ashamed of them. Hebrews 9:14 and 10:22 make clear that we can have a clean conscience because the blood of Jesus applies not only to our sin, but our guilt and shame as well. We can either believe that we are a "wretched man," or we can believe that we are a new creation who is delivered in Jesus Christ. In essence, the challenge for the believer is to believe the truth of what God says about us in His Word instead of believing the thoughts the enemy is presenting to our mind (or what others may be even saying to us). If we do have unconfessed sin, we need to confess the sin to God and lead a life of repentance. If we have confessed the sin, we no longer need to listen to the enemy's lies!

When the spirits of darkness present to our minds how bad we are and all the sins that we've done, we must tell them, "Those sins are under the blood. Go look there!" Remind yourself of the truth of God's Word about your identity in Him, knowing that the enemy cannot separate you from God's love. The battle for your mind like this can be furious, as the evil host do not give up easily. They surely want us to wallow in misery! In Ephesians 6:13 we are admonished to keep on standing, even when it feels like we cannot stand. So keep on resisting. When you believe what God says about you is true, you are submitting to God. In this submission to God you resist the devil and his host (James 4:7). Keep standing and in Him you will overcome!

Prayer Concerns:

Ben Smyder

Please pray for me in for the continued strength for the spiritual battles in lending a hand to hurting people.

Please continue to pray for scheduling to work out, especially with the change in seasons and schedules.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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