

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

For those of you who detest the winter, I'm sure you are more than ready for spring! The last week of January was rather harsh for sure. A number of sessions for LFM needed to be rescheduled. However, the use of Skype on the computer and the cell phone did allow for ministry work to continue on with some clients. Thankfully, no matter the weather or the personal circumstance, our God is able to carry us through.

## **Praises:**

I praise God for the support of the LFM oversight board. This group of people have continually blessed me with their support and encouragement. Weather forced us to cancel our first quarterly meeting of the year, but we were able to "meet" through an email discussion. Their faithful help is essential for us to continue in ministry.

I praise God for His working in clients, preparing them for sessions so they can be free. Either by putting great pressure spirits, causing them to reveal their reason for being there, or by showing the person in prayer, a number of clients have been discovering the ground that needs to be claimed. I've seen it so many times it should not amaze me, but each time I'm delighted it happens.

## **Short Report:**

I met with a couple who had a rough number of years early in their marriage. At one point it was better, but the trauma of the early years were still weighing heavily on them, especially the wife. Both husband and wife had family histories of involvement in magic healing and other occult practices. The result for the husband's side was sexual sin. In this case, he had a powerful attraction to a certain female body type, and lustfully craved that body type. Unfortunately, his wife did not have that same body type. She was greatly troubled by her figure, causing her to hate herself. She believed that she was not good enough for her husband, and felt inferior. He openly lusted after other women they know, admitting he thought of them while being intimate with his wife! The man's wife began to resent their friends for their figures, then felt guilty for her anger. She was even angry at God for how she looked.

Interestingly, the husband knew his wife was not free, but he felt he was. He was wrong. After his wife confessed her anger and resentment toward God, her friends, and herself, as well as her believing the lie that she was not good enough, I confronted the spirits in the Name of Jesus Christ. One spirit identified himself: Inferiority. He was cast out and the Holy Spirit ministered to her, which brought some comfort. However, she was still hurt because she feared her husband would continue with this powerful lust. Therefore, I chose to confront the spirits in the husband. There were many, which seemed to shock him. Indeed, it was found that the chief demon was named Witchcraft, and was inherited from his parents. The main operating demon at the time was called Sex, and he was driving this man to crave in a mighty way to be with certain type of women. He was in the wrong, and there wasn't anything wrong with her! After this, I again invited the Holy Spirit to minister to the wife. This

time, he showed her a picture of who she is in His eyes. She now felt more peace, and I encouraged her to never forget what He showed her! What was driving the sexual problem and the resentment? It was the occult in the family history. It does not surprise me that as sexual sin has become more prominent, the prominence of occultism in society has as well.

**Something to Consider:**

**Revelation 22:15**—<sup>15</sup> *Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.*

**1 John 2:11**—<sup>11</sup> *But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.*

On top of the list of instructions that Dean Hochstetler taught me in regard to ministry was the progression of demonic affliction. The case report above shows this fully, as does Revelation 22:15. When a family becomes involved in some sort of occult practice, sexual sin and then resentment are sure to follow. The burdens of sexual sin and resentment are especially seen in the descendants of those who are involved in the occult practices. It is not a guarantee, but I can anticipate with those who come to LFM for help in regard to sexual sin that occultism will need to be addressed as well. In the case with the husband above, he was blind to the perversion in his life and what it had done to his wife.

The second aspect of resentment, or unforgiveness, is that I often see it connected to sexual sin. The sexual sin is also often done against the person, not done by the person. Indeed, a common story I hear from families who had a great deal of occultism is sexual abuse done within the family. The anger from the abuse or from a sexual problem, increases to the point of resentment, which is just a fancy word for hatred. As 1 John 2:11, shows, living in this kind of situation really is living in darkness.

Therefore, it is essential to confess and repent of personal and ancestral involvement in the occult, sexual sin, and resentment. In particular for resentment, if someone has wronged you in any fashion (not just sexually), choosing to forgive is of utmost importance. Healing and freedom won't come before forgiveness, only after. If one is waiting for an apology, or the situation to improve, it may never come! We can choose to forgive and surrender to God the anger, even if the burden is continuing to happen. The wife in the report above became deeper and deeper in anger, and it nearly destroyed her. She needed to forgive and learn the truth of how God saw her. We need not continue in darkness, but be free by unloading these burdens to the Lord Jesus.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Please continue to pray for some deep level cases. Major progress has been made, but more work is to be done.

Please pray for scheduling to work out from the cancellations that have happened. There has been a large amount of schedule adjustments for me and my family.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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