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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The leaves are mostly off of our trees. It's been cold enough to freeze the dog's water bowl. Many fields around us have been harvested. That means: it's about time for the holidays. The season of giving thanks to God for His blessings and sending His Son is easily one of my favorite times of the year. I hope that you have a blessed, peaceful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

Praises:

I praise God for support from pastors. Conversations with different pastors of clients who affirmed the ministry is very encouraging.

I praise God for God's intervention for my clients during Halloween. There were extra "messes" to clean up because of witchcraft, but since Christ is victor, it wasn't difficult to address.

I praise God for how he blessed me with good mentors. I was just made aware of the passing of a gentleman whose encouragement and knowledge was extremely helpful. He was someone who I'm grateful to have known.

Special Note:

It is hard to believe that it is already November, and the holidays are fast approaching. Nonetheless, I must note the request for you to prayerfully consider a year end donation to LFM. The year end gifts we receive greatly help us to establish our finances for the following year. The past few years we have been tremendously blessed in the way. We are so grateful for your support! Therefore, I ask that you again prayerfully consider giving to LFM for a year end gift.

Update on the LFM Website:

The LFM website hasn't been functioning quite right for over a year. The repairs are under way, and hopefully, a new and improved website will be up by January 1, 2020. I apologize for the inconvenience it may have caused anyone.

Short Report:

Knowing one is accepted, loved, and has worth and value in Jesus Christ is essential for a growing faith in Him. On occasion, when a person does not feel accepted, a way to find comfort for the pain is to turn to an addiction of some sort. That was the case for Mr. Z. He confessed his sins, especially the addictions that he had. He also confessed to how he felt about himself and asked for Jesus to bring him healing. We confronted the spirits and there was a spirit there name "Addiction." When the spirit was commanded to leave, as he had no more right to stay with Mr. Z, he felt a lifting off of him. Mr. Z is in good hands, as he has a good support group around him to encourage him in his faith. Most importantly, he experienced God's presence and love and knows he belongs to Him.

Something to Consider:

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.*

Galatians 6:10—¹⁰ *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

For some, the holidays (I'm referring to Thanksgiving and Christmas, and to some degree, New Year's Day) is a difficult time. Being with family can be quite stressful, even traumatic. Unfortunately, one of the ways that the evil one has brought trouble to the world is through family dysfunction. The results often are connected to many of the problems people have that lead them to get help at LFM. Mr. Z is prime example. Because he wasn't accepted as a child, he found relief from the emotional pain by using destructive substances. Of course, the drugs didn't really solve the problem or even fully bring relief. For many others, the rejection leads to even further sinfulness: sexual immorality, attitudes of bitterness and resentment, and even murder can come from such rejection. I'm not making light of self-medicating to deal with the pain, but far worse things can come from the hurt in one's heart.

The only real solution to the pain is deliverance and healing through Jesus Christ. Thankfully, Mr. Z did turn to the Deliverer. It appears the spirits were causing him to be addicted, but he was set free from the spirits that were afflicting him. More importantly, it was extremely helpful for him that he did have a new group of friends and some family who were accepting of him and encouraging him. The love he received from them, knowing he was a part of the family, was healing for Mr. Z. He was learning that indeed he did have worth and value, and people were affirming this truth. The support of the group enabled him to have the courage to face the addiction in his life. The supporting, loving people around him helped prepare the way for his deliverance.

Therefore, I cannot emphasize enough the importance of people knowing they are loved, accepted, affirmed for who they are as humans, and especially as believers in Christ Jesus. This does not mean that sin needs to be ignored. Mr. Z had to confess and repent of his sins to be free. However, a community of faith supporting, encouraging, and loving each other genuinely is important for us to be living fruitful lives. In fact, the Apostle Paul, in Galatians 6, instructs to do good to everyone. When we do, it will bring a fruitful harvest for the Lord.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for me in regard to helping a particular client so I can have the right words of truth that needs to be heard in a way that can be received well.

Please pray for another client who needs to know God's love and acceptance.

Please pray for a client who is struggling to make faith in Christ personal for her/himself.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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