Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

It is good to be writing another monthly newsletter. The end of the school year has come, and my family is in full swing into summer break activities. We are blessed abundantly to care for a nice property that has room for many activities. Also, I'm grateful to God for my dad and how he helps me know how to work and care for my home and property.

Praises:

I praise God for His caring, generous spirit. A recent phone conversation reminded me of how much He wants to bring healing to the hurting.

I praise God for the promise of the Holy Spirit residing in believers. His work to help me know what to say and do in ministry sessions is so valuable. If He isn't in it, the session goes nowhere fast!

I praise God for good counsel and support. My LFM oversight board, friends in encouraging conversation, and a loving wife bless me greatly. Without this kind of support, it would be really difficult to minister to hurting people.

Short Report:

When parents see their children under the stress of demonic affliction, the desire to figure out what is going on is usually high. Such was the case for Mr. & Ms. H. Their children as a whole had become very fearful. Moreover, they had become antagonistic toward each other. One child was having severely scary and violent nightmares. Another child was easily angered to the point of rage. These behaviors were not typical for the children. To make matters worse, Ms. H, also had an episode of feeling great anger and rage, and she had no idea why she felt that way. I led the couple through an inventory to identify all possible avenues that spirits of darkness could have possibly used to gain access to their family. They easily worked through the inventory and confessed the sins that they had done, as well as the sins done against them and the sins of their ancestry. One involvement of note was that in Mr. H's family line was the practice of magic healing. In this case it was a form of drawing sickness out of one person and putting it in another. For instance, a parent or grandparent would hold a sick or fussy child and the sickness would leave the child and go to the adult. Mr. & Ms. H renounced their involvement in this practice as well as the other sins. Following the time of prayers of confession, we took time to confront any evil spirits present. A number of spirits claimed residence with Ms. H, basing their ground on her feelings of not being good enough. We had to cancel in Jesus' name some spoken curses that were put on her about her marriage, and the evil spirits admitted they had to leave. We also spent some time in prayer for healing of painful experiences. Ms. H also had a memory that needed healing, and the Lord Jesus was faithful to heal the wounded memory. In a follow up session, the couple shared that their children are back to normal. They feel more drawn to the Lord, less stressed, and are focused...like a whole different person. Mr. & Ms. H were grateful to God for freedom they found in Christ Jesus.

Something to Consider:

Mark 9:17-18, 25—¹⁷ A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸ Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not." ²⁵ When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

When a couple, or a single parent, comes for help because of their children being tormented by evil spirits, the urgency is much greater. Most often, the parents desire to deal with the matter promptly, and are willing to address whatever needs to be addressed for the sake of the children. Mr. & Ms. H were in this position. The unusual behavior of the children was of great concern for them, and they did not know exactly what needed to be done to make the change.

Almost all of the time, the demonic affliction on the children has nothing to do with anything the children have done. It is highly unlikely that the boy in Mark 9 had done anything that caused the demons to reside in him like that. Therefore, the issue was either inherited from his parents or something had been done to him to allow the spirit to torment him so much. This was also the case for the H's. The children were set free when the parents addressed the sin base in their own lives and that of the ancestry. The parents were humble and willing to confess their sins. They did not argue with me, make excuses, or try to minimize what had been done.

Therefore, if a person is wanting to help their children, I encourage him or her to be as humble, open and honest as possible. All the issues must be taken to the Lord for Him to set you free. I'm not sitting in judgment against anyone, that's for sure. He is not either when we come to humbly confess to Him our sins. The boy's father brought him to be set free and Jesus did so. The same can happen today!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a smooth transition to using the new office. I'm hoping that in the next month, we will be able to have meetings at the office.

Please pray for schedules to work out for ministry sessions. Sometimes the summer can be difficult for people with busy schedules.

Please pray for me, as always, for God's wisdom in lending a hand to hurting people. I can't do it without His work in me.

Have a blessed Father's Day!

Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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