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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

As a way of introduction for this newsletter, 2 Timothy 1:12 comes to mind: "<sup>12</sup> That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day." For me personally and in ministry, there have been some significant battles. Perhaps you are in a great battle of some sort and need encouragement to continue to trust in Him as well. Like Paul, let's be convinced that He will guard us and empower us to live for Him.

## Praises:

I praise God for helping me in ministry sessions even when I don't feel up to par. Thankfully, it is the power of the Holy Spirit working and not my own when confronting evil spirits. Thankfully, He has already defeated them, and we can apply the victory.

I praise God for the security He brings in a world of difficulty. Even if things seem to be falling apart, we can count on Him to carry us through.

I praise God for a good report from a client. In a recent note, the client shared how much life has changed for the better after being set free from evil spirits. It was an honor to help them out in a very intense session. The note brought me encouragement to press on with the difficult cases I have.

## Short Report:

One aspect of the community where I reside is occult practices in regard to healing. Since they work, at least for a while, these practices were considered to be of God. Unfortunately, what makes them work is actually evil spirits. The result of generations being involved in these practices is the descendants can be in bondage to evil spirits. In some cases, the bondage can be very severe. Ms. PP is one who is a perfect example of this situation. She had many problems: disturbing, troubling, and suicidal thoughts, even thoughts of wanting Satan, always unhappy, thoughts to hurt her family members, and medical issues that seemed to have no cure. She also struggled with resentment, unforgiveness, and anger. I went over an inventory with her to find what demons could be using as a right to afflict her. As I anticipated, she and her ancestry were involved in magic healing by muscle testing, drawing out sickness/powwowing, and reflexology. Ms. PP confessed all of the sins that we found in the inventory and cancelled any claims any spirits would have on her for them. The next step was to confront the spirits. Over the course of four sessions, we did indeed encounter a number of spirits. However, when I confronted the spirits the first time, there was not a response. I then asked the Holy Spirit to show to the client the face or name of a person that would need to be forgiven specifically. At times, there is someone to forgive. Before the demons would fully obey, she had to choose to forgive some family members in regard to some specific incidences that had hurt her badly. Once the forgiveness was given, the spirits did obey and revealed their presence. When were able to confront the spirits, we found that many

were entwined with extended family members. I had to cancel in Jesus' name the connections to certain individuals and forbid the spirits to flee to those people.

The spirits we found over the course of the sessions were: Confusion, Witchcraft, Sickness, Anxiety, Lust, Anger, Hate, Chief Spirit, Torment, Unforgiveness, Death, Suicide, Crazy, Torment #2, and Kill. She seemed to do better throughout the time of the sessions of confronting spirits. In the last session, we took the time to confront any lies she was believing. The demons had caused her to believe the lies that she was hopeless and should fear God's wrath, the lie that she was hating her family, and then many lies rooted in worry. She renounced the lies and the demon connected to them, named Kill, was evicted. Did Ms. PP have any say in the matter of the participation in occult magic healing? For some of it, yes, but these spirits were with her long before she chose to do so. Thankfully, Christ is victor over the powers that enable the magic healing and afflict people for involvement in them. Ms. PP was set free in His name.

# Something to Consider:

**Lamentations 5:7**—<sup>7</sup> Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment.

**1 Corinthians 10:20**—<sup>20</sup> No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.

Participating with demons, whether intentional like one would in sacrifices, or unintentional like the magic healing noted in the case report above, has serious consequences. It has been a great burden for me lately, as I've been helping some severely tormented clients. These clients are being afflicted because of the presence of evil spirits who were with the person before birth. In each case, the spirits admitted their presence was pre-birth and that the issue is much, much greater than the personal sin of the client. As with Ms. PP above, because of the resident demonic host, the clients did have sin to address. However, the sins that were committed were done to deal with the pain that were caused by the demons! These clients indeed are bearing the punishment of their ancestors' sins that were of an occult nature.

I have two points in regard to this. First, becoming involved in demonic activity has serious consequences for one's descendants. These burdens can be so great that the descendant can barely even cope. Second, be careful to not blame a troubled person and assume that the problems are due to personal sin. The majority of clients, especially those in severe need, are not needing help because of personal sin. The problems are rooted in the ancestry. It seems most unfair for sure. The problems often seem impossible to overcome, but we can indeed trust that Christ is victor and He will bring us to freedom.

## **Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for some clients who some have battles that are very strong. Recently, a demon mocked me in a session because the problem was "deep." In severe battles, a client needs encouragement.

Please pray for those involved in going back to school. Certainly, it will be different from years past.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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