

Newsletter—Vol. XIV, No. 12 December 2020

Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given..." We have now entered the Christmas season, and this verse is often a verse that comes to mind for me when the season starts. The Christmas hymn phrases it as a "child of hope is born." Indeed, our hope is in the Lord Jesus. My wife has told me of multiple people who are ready for Christmas decorating and celebrating because of the dreariness of 2020. Yes, Christmas is a time of hope! Perhaps it will be easier this Christmas to remember the truth of God invading a broken world to rescue those who trust in Him.

# **Praises:**

I praise God for a recent work of setting a captive free from the burden of major spiritual affliction. The person suffered for years due to demonic presence. The Lord Jesus was faithful and she was set free!

I praise God for the ability to continue to work in ministry in this difficult year. Despite the times of quarantine and shut down, the Lord Jesus was still able to minister to hurting people.

### **Amazon Reminder:**

If you are still in need of buying Christmas presents, and if you are one who makes purchases through Amazon.com, please consider using smile.amazon.com. Every quarter, Amazon donates to LFM based on the amount of purchases made. Last quarter's donation to LFM was almost \$100! Without any cost to you but a few extra steps in the purchase, you can support LFM financially. Every little bit helps the ministry to continue. Thank you for helping and giving in this way.

#### **Year End Donations:**

LFM has been blessed greatly the last few years with yearend donations. The yearend giving has already begun, and the gifts at the end of the year do much to help establish the finances for the following year. Some months can get lean, and the yearend donations carry us through. I ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the ministry to help us for 2021.

#### **Short Report:**

Mr. PP was a man struggling with life and not really knowing why. He did not have a life filled with sin. He was faithful to his wife and children, but was still feeling like he was lacking or missing out with them. After sharing with me some of his life's experiences, I noticed that he made light of a number events that were likely painful. I shared that we can invite the Holy Spirit to walk him through some memories and He would bring healing to him. When we began, the wounds were evident as he felt them strongly in his emotions. The first was before he was born. He didn't know what was happening, but felt the emotion greatly. He verbally committed to God the situation and the emotion and immediately felt better. We worked through a process like this for a number of sessions. For some memories, the Holy Spirit showed Mr. PP where the Lord Jesus was and how He intervened. Also, for some memories we encountered demons who were at work in the

situation. For instance, one demon, named Distortion, took advantage of some emotional abuse and tried to distort what true love was. When we had gone through the memories up to the present, he simply asked the Lord Jesus to "take away all of this garbage in my life." He clearly saw the Lord Jesus driving up a tractor that had a loader and a big dumpster being carried by the loader. Jesus put bags and bags of trash into the dumpster and drove away! The event brought tears to Mr. PP, as Jesus brought him healing for the wounds he had experienced. The challenge for him was to now walk in the truth of who he was in Christ and not the lies he believed from the wounds.

# **Something to Consider:**

**Matthew 1:23**—<sup>23</sup> "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

**1 John 4:8**—<sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Mr. PP is not the only client of LFM who has experienced the destructive work of evil spirits distorting what true love is. As I remember though, it is the only one that the demon was actually named "Distortion." The effects of the works of Distortion in Mr. PP was clear the more we conversed, which was sad to hear. However, it was so much greater when the Lord Jesus brought healing and understanding to Mr. PP. He truly did experience that God was with Him through it all. Also, it was incredible to him how God knew what would be meaningful for him. Jesus driving a tractor to haul away the trash may seem funny to some, but for Mr. PP it was loaded with meaning from his childhood. Jesus knew exactly what he needed for healing.

I know of many friends and family who have lost loved ones this year. Some were related to the pandemic, but most were not. No doubt the enemy wants to take advantage of situations like these and distort God and His love and cause people to question Him. Does God really love me? Why did this happen? Where are you God? I hear questions like this often. My prayer is that this Christmas can be a time of healing for those who are hurting, and that they can sense God being with them as He was with Mr. PP. It may not seem like a time of great celebration, but instead a time of sober reflection of how much God loves us that Jesus came to deliver us. He said we'd have trouble in this world, but we need not fear because He's overcome the world (John 16:33). Just as He helped Mr. PP, we can trust in Him to help us and bring healing. He knows what we need.

# **Prayer Concerns:**

Please continue to pray for a particular client who is battling with great pain. The pain is emotional, mental, and now even physical. The person is in great need of the Lord's ministering to him.

I've been hesitant to address the matter publicly, I now ask for prayer for our world against the powers of darkness using the covid-19 pandemic to try to shut down the church ministries like LFM.

Have a blessed and merry Christmas!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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