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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Have you ever considered Christmas Day to be D-Day in terms of spiritual warfare? This has become my view, and it seems to increase every year. In his book, *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis notes this: "Enemy-occupied territory—that is what this world is. Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us all to take part in a great campaign of sabotage" (Book II, chapter 2, page 51). The Lord Jesus invaded the world as the Allies invaded Europe, rescuing people who were held hostage. We have the privilege of continuing that work as we are in Him. Because of His love for us, He couldn't leave us behind. Instead, He came to set us free.

Praises:

I praise God for His faithful care. For some clients, the struggle to be faithful seems impossible. God continues to draw these clients to Himself wooing them and empowering them to resist the attacks of the enemy. Though they doubt themselves, He continues to bless them. I'm more and more convinced of His love for all people by how He never quits in leading the captives to increasing freedom.

Important Note:

The road is open! Finally, the ROAD CLOSED signs are down on County Road 38. Some shoulder work is still in need of completion, but the new road is open for all traffic.

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 year-end donations. The year-end 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 year-end donations carry us through. I ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the ministry to help us for 2022.

Short Report:

After some sessions in which a number of evil spirits were evicted, Ms. BBB had a growing sense of when an issue was spiritual in nature. She had some pain in her belly, and some odd memories of a medicine bag. She agreed to confront any spirit that might be connected to these issues. I commanded in the Name of Jesus Christ that the chief spirit in regard to the stomach pain admit to her that he was there. The spirit acknowledged its presence to her, and that he had a right to be with her. The right was due to a voodoo curse that was on her. An old "friend" from her life before being a believer in Christ had put this voodoo curse on her. The curse affected her reproductive system, keeping her from being able to have a baby and cause

miscarriages if she conceived. As is common from people involved in these dark practices, the friend tried to make sure the curse would not be broken. The curse was designed to start over at every full moon, so that even if she cancelled the curse in general, it would not end but start over. To make it work, the friend had a piece of Ms. BBB's hair to be able to connect with her and do the voodoo curse. Once we cancelled the voodoo curse as well as the part of the curse to make it start over again on each full moon, the evil spirit, named Destiny, admitted his ground was gone. He also admitted that it could not start again at the full moon, or any other time, and he left. After he left, the pain in the belly stopped. Jesus came to set the captives free, and it was proved true with Ms. BBB.

Something to Consider:

Matthew 8:16-17—¹⁶ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. ¹⁷ This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Colossians 1:13-14—¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

As I've experienced lending a hand to hurting people for a number of years, I'm amazed at how dark the world really is. At the same time, it has been impressed upon me how great God's love is for people, and how He wants us to be freed from this world of darkness. Ms. BBB is evidence of this, as she and her ancestry were involved in a way of life that was filled with evil. However, God drew her out of this darkness, and now she is light to her family and even former friends. It is incredible that His rescue operation started by coming as a very vulnerable baby. Satan tried to solve the problem. In Matthew 2 it is shown how Satan, through King Herod, tried to kill the Savior. God intervened protected Him by sending the baby Jesus and his parents to Egypt. The Lord Jesus then lived to give us victory over death, the devil, and sin through His death, resurrection, ascension and seating at the right hand of the Father. It is an incredible story of a loving God intervening for His children, and I hope this will be a blessed and merry Christmas for you as you reflect on God's incredible love and intervention for you!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for those who are grieving and are stressed this Christmas season. In what should be a season of joy for the coming of our deliverer, the enemy tries to ruin it with reminders of the pains of life.

Please pray for the clients who are struggling to resist and fight in the power of Christ against the evil spirits that plague them. For many, they feel powerless, so please pray that they have confidence of being in Him to resist the powers of darkness.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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