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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Since February is the month in which Valentine's Day is celebrated, it seems appropriate to have a Short Report about ministering to a couple in need. As God notes in Genesis 2, He made a suitable helper for man. Men and women being in relationship is a wonderful thing, and since it is wonderful, the enemy wants to hinder relationships as much as possible. Therefore, we'll look at how a couples' marriage was being ruined because of the presence of evil spirits. Praise God! Jesus came to set the captives free and He did indeed bring freedom to these two.

Praises:

I praise God for deliverance for a man who was tormented with confusion for many years.

I praise God for a client who is continuing to learn about the extent of the generational curses in her life. Although it can be extremely painful to know of the evil in one's ancestry, it was very helpful to know how the evil spirits were causing so many issues for her.

I praise God for the healing and growth for a man who is learning biblical truth that counters the lies he learned in his childhood church.

Short Report:

Although most clients of LFM are not couples seeking help with their marriage, one couple came with this question: can evil spirits be behind marital issues? My response was that they can at least play a part, and we can investigate to see if it was the case for them. They shared with me about their experiences. One spouse was often critical and difficult to be around. In fact, the other spouse said, "I'm not living with a life partner, but a parent." The critical spouse admitted to being critical and was wanting to overcome the stronghold. The Lord had already been at work in their lives, as they had been in a process of growing in freedom. Yet, since conflict between the two was common, both were willing to come to LFM for help. They left a controlling, legalistic church a number of years prior. They both grew up in the legalistic church, and had gained healing through a number counseling experiences. Still, they sensed some issues for which evil spirits needed to be addressed. They worked through confession of unconfessed sins, both personal and ancestral, as well as cancelling the ground any spirits claimed for these sins. They confessed to God the sins done against them and the trauma they experienced, especially the spiritual abuse from the church. The answer to the question as to whether evil spirits can cause marital issues was answered quickly. When we confronted any spirits present with them, they were both plagued by them. With the spouse who was critical and difficult to be around were spirits named Resentment, Anger, Frustration, Critical, Gossip, and Jealousy, which was the highest ranking spirit. With the other spouse were spirits named Anger and Worthlessness. These two were led by an evil spirit named Death. In this case, I didn't press the spirits to tell how they got there, but felt led to make sure they left. The evil spirits admitted they had to go, as the couple had cancelled their claims in

Jesus' name. Although I didn't press the spirits to know for sure, it was likely the spirits were ancestral, connected to generations of being in a legalistic church. It was wonderful to see how God was leading them to further freedom and healing so they could live fully for Him.

Something to Consider:

Proverbs 26:21—²¹ *As charcoal to embers and as wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome person for kindling strife.*

Psalms 34:14—¹⁴ *Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.*

After many years of lending a hand to people in need, I've become more convinced that we need to look beyond what we see as the problem. Often, the source of the problem is actually rooted in the spirit realm, meaning evil spirits are instigating the issues. The main question is then, why are these spirits present with the people or person? The couple in the Short Report had many symptoms of a bad marriage. Their behavior was not Christ like. They quarreled, and one spouse in particular was abusive. As their eyes were opened to their sin, they found it to be extremely difficult to change. They were troubled by the continued inability to overcome. The reason they could not change as they desired was because the evil spirits influenced them to make choices contrary to their Christ like desires. Many people at this point might quit because of a feeling of hopelessness, but this couple had not reached that point.

Once again, we must praise God for His intervention. First, He sent His Son to defeat the powers of darkness so that we can be free. Second, He was at work to lead the couple to find healing and freedom. They were able to escape a spiritually abusive church and get good Christian counseling in regard to the legalistic teaching they had learned. They were then pointed in the direction of LFM to get help to be free of any evil spirits that were afflicting them. Certainly, just evicting the evil spirits did not solve all of their problems. There was still a need for healing, as well as, learning to live empowered by the Holy Spirit instead of rigidly following rules so as to please a demanding, exacting God. Nonetheless, by taking the burdens that allowed the evil spirits to afflict them, and then commanding them to go, the couple took a major step to redeem the brokenness of their lives. If you have a broken relationship, whether a marriage or not, perhaps the issue is rooted in the spirit realm. I encourage you to be willing to pursue the possibility so that you can be free of any evil spirit hindrances that keep you from having good relationships with your friends and family.

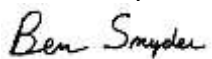
Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a client who needs discernment on whether some physical maladies are rooted in spiritual problems.

Please pray for a client who has a major fear because of being abused by a certain group of people. The fear has been paralyzing for the client at times.

Please pray for me to have the words to minister to the fearful client, so that the fear isn't increased.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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