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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Happy New Year to everyone. Certainly, 2020 was a difficult year, and we hope that 2021 will be better. Regardless of improvement or not, we must trust in the One who will carry us through all of the ups and downs. I'm reminded often by the picture on the wall in the office that says to cast my cares onto the Lord, for He sustains us (Psalm 55:22). In the coming year, let's remember to cast our cares onto Him and praise Him for His working in our lives.

Praises:

I praise God for a blessed Christmas. It sure seemed to go by quickly! I enjoyed the time my children had off of school, and tried to get some extra rest too.

I praise God for the blessing of seeing clients be freed of harassing spirits over the Christmas season. For some, the freedom seemed so unusual it was hard to believe!

I praise God for the work I see Him doing through churches in the area. They are working to care for those who are hurting and also working to reach those who need hear of the Lord. It is encouraging to me to see how they are caring for others.

Year End Donations:

A special note of thanks for the numerous yearend donations. The giving was a great gift and always helps for the leaner months in the coming year. I continue to be humbled with how people give so generously so we can lend a hand to hurting and troubled people. Thank you for helping us to show God's love to others.

Short Report:

Ms. NN's family was in need of help. Both of the spouses and the children had issues such as self-harm (like cutting), depression, anger, and anxieties. They were also were questioning their faith. It also should be noted that in the family background were suicide and predictive dreams. At some point, a demonic hold had come upon the family, and it was causing great trouble for Ms. NN's family. As she put it, their lives were "in crisis." I helped her to address as much of the garbage in her life as well as her family's lives that could possibly allow evil spirits to afflict them. On her family's behalf, she cancelled in Jesus' name the curses on them the spirits claimed to afflict them. I then confronted the spirits that were present, and the first one that identified himself was a chief spirit, who was also inherited from her mother. The spirit said his name was Resentment. Other spirits included Fear, Hatred, Lust, and Unforgiveness. It seemed the resentment in the family was either the cause of the suicide in the ancestry or developed because of the suicide. In the next session, we also found spirits named Secrecy, Fear, Shame, and Mental Illness. All of the evil spirits were cast out in the Name of Jesus. More importantly, I invited the Holy Spirit to minister to Ms. NN, and He brought her great comfort. She saw pictures of her family in peace, which then brought her peace.

Something to Consider:

Ephesians 4:31—³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

1 John 3:15—¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

Who is our enemy? When one undergoes great trials and traumas, the common response is to place all of the blame on the people involved and totally ignore the workings of evil spirits behind the scenes. In Matthew 16:23, Jesus shows us the spirits of darkness can be behind the sins of humans. He didn't rebuke Peter, but Satan himself for giving Peter the idea that Jesus would not go to the cross. When we don't look at the spirits at work behind the scenes, it makes it much more difficult to choose to forgive. We are commanded by Jesus to forgive those who hurt us and sin against us (Matthew 18:21-22).

The danger of not forgiving is that the unforgiveness can turn into bitterness, hate, rage, and an anger that is always simmering. As the Short Report with Ms. NN shows, the consequences of holding onto resentment can bring disastrous problems to a person and his or her family. Not forgiving is equal to having hate in one's heart. Hatred is shown to be equal to murder (1 John 3:15). Therefore, when a person is holding on to unforgiveness, bitterness, or resentment, that person is holding an attitude of murder toward the offender.

Therefore, people are not the enemy, but Satan and his host are. The solution is to choose to forgive those who hurt us and war against the spirits of darkness who motivate, entice, influence, persuade, and deceive people into doing the evil acts. It doesn't do any good to have unforgiving attitudes toward the offenders and only empowers the demonic all the more. Choosing to forgive does not excuse the person and deny that something was done wrong. Instead, it is putting the human into God's hands for dealing with the sin. Then with the burden of anger and unforgiveness addressed, we can fight against the spirits of darkness and receive healing for the hurts from God. Healing and freedom won't come until one forgives. If you are holding onto unforgiveness, bitterness, anger, rage, and resentment, I encourage you to make the difficult choice, but rewarding choice, to choose to forgive. Sometimes the choice to forgive must be repeated in the process of receiving healing, but holding on to the unforgiveness will only hinder the healing. As with Ms. NN, peace from the Lord will come when the resentment is cancelled in Jesus' name, and it can be for you as well.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for me to be able to share in ministry sessions when I have to give difficult answers. Sometimes the truth is hard to hear!

Please continue to pray for a few clients who must continue to do battle with spirits that are sent by people involved in Satan worshiping covens. Having people siding with the enemy and using their works of darkness against others is a topic that for many Christians isn't popular to hear. However, many people fight these battles alone and need great prayer support.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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