



Life of Freedom MINISTRIES

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The New Year is here, and the Christmas season expired so quickly. My prayer for 2023 is not much different from what it has been in the past: for us to know God's love for us as well as who we are in Christ. I know from personal experience and from helping many people, how much evil spirits attack us to keep us from seeing how much worth and value we have in God's eyes. In fact, Satan attacked the Lord Jesus with this same lie, by repeatedly saying, "If you are God's son..." (see Luke 4). If they can get us to doubt the truth of God's love and our identity in Him, causing us to feel worthless, stupid, not good enough, and more, they can limit our work for Him. This month's Short Report is a good example of one who was set free of these lies.

Praises:

I praise God for a recent report from a client whose life has radically changed, and it was evident it was due to the freedom given by the Lord Jesus.

I praise God for a new year to serve Him, showing love to others by lending a hand for their freedom.

Special Note:

Thank you to everyone who gave year-end donations. As has happened in the past number of years, the giving was abundant. I'm extremely thankful for the support so we can continue to help people who have been burdened by the powers of darkness without the added need of a financial burden.

Short Report:

Fear, worry, and anxiety were deeply rooted in Mr. JJ. He acknowledged that on both sides of his ancestry was some sort of fear, anxiety, and negativity. Mr. JJ was very hard on himself, thinking he wasn't good enough. He would have thoughts that he was stupid and that he should just cut his throat. Every struggle in his life he believed was his own fault. He blamed himself even if he did not fully understand what was happening. He had memories of people who he looked up to telling him he wasn't good enough. The struggle was so difficult that at one point when he felt he had no power he asked Satan for power. The spiritual and emotional burdens were so great he felt physical pain in his neck and chest. Also, he held anger and resentment toward a number of people, for which he felt guilty.

When we worked through the inventory, it was very difficult for him because he was so hard on himself. Almost every sinful activity on the list he believed he had done! During a time of prayer to confess the sins identified, Mr. JJ was extremely emotional. The weight on him was tremendous. Following the time of confession, we confronted the evil spirits. The confrontation lasted over the course of a number of sessions. It seemed the Holy Spirit prepared him for each bout, as some of them were new issues that came up between sessions. The spirits we found held the names Fear, Pain, Worry, Unbelief, and Confusion. The spirit Confusion was last, and had the greatest hold on him. When Confusion left, he had peace in his whole being for the first time. The Lord brought to his mind, "Fear not, for I'm with you." Mr. JJ was set free from the

spirits that tormented for years, and the relief was evident on his face as he left. He still is doing well.

Something to Consider:

Hebrews 10:22—...²² *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

Ephesians 2:10—¹⁰ *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

A number of newsletters in the past have addressed the common lie of the enemy. The lie that evil hosts tell many believers is that they are not good enough. For Mr. JJ, the lie was so strong, that he became extremely anxious. He feared failure because each time he did fail, it only seemed to prove the lie to be true. What is even more saddening is that he felt so powerless to overcome the feeling of not being good enough that he asked the devil for help to do so! It is not unusual for a Christian, especially one who grew up in the church, to feel that God is not safe to ask for help. He wasn't doing what he knew his whole life to be godly, and in the confusion and pain asked for power from the source of his troubles. I've learned over the years that this confused thinking is not that unusual. The reason is that a major part of the lie of not being good enough is that then the person is not good enough to enter God's presence. In essence, the enemy is saying, "Look at all that you've done! There is no way God is going to let you approach Him! He hates you!"

The truth that Mr. JJ was able to appropriate is in the passage above from Hebrews 10. He put all of his sins under the blood of Jesus on the cross. When the blood of Jesus is applied to the record of all the sins we have done, we are safe to approach God. In fact, we are so safe that we can approach Him with boldness and confidence (Hebrews 4:16). This boldness is not in any way due to what we've done, but only because of what Jesus has done for us. Another aspect of the enemy using the lie of not being good enough against us is that he causes us to focus on what we've done instead of focusing on what the Lord Jesus has done. We then forget about our true identity in Christ Jesus, lose confidence and feel that we can't do any kind of good work for God. For sure we are created to do good works (Ephesians 2:10). However, the Holy Spirit is in us to empower us to do that good work (Ephesians 1:13-14). Once Mr. JJ rested in the truth of forgiveness and new life in Jesus, he was able to relax and do the work God had for him in the power of the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to reject the lies of the evil one that you're not good enough. In Christ, you are washed and made new so you can live fully for Him.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for those who come to LFM to be able to fully know the truth of their identity in Christ.

Please pray for discernment for me and for the clients to know when an issue is and is not of the spirit realm. It can be a struggle for some to really believe their troubles are due to evil spirits.

Have a blessed 2023!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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