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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

In preparing for the June newsletter, it was on my mind to share Romans 8:10, *“But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.”* With a recent passing of a relative in my wife’s extended family, I’m reminded once again how precious Resurrection life in Jesus Christ is. Our physical bodies are subject to death, but our God has given us new, eternal life. What a wonderful promise of hope for the believer! The promise is certainly worth sharing with others so they can have the same hope by putting their faith in Him. Also, this passage notes that the Spirit also gives us life so we can live for Him.

Praises:

I praise God for His presence and giving strength to clients. Ministry sessions can be quite taxing on the clients, and it was evident in the last month how He sustained some who endured some very emotional sessions. An hour or so can be very exhausting, especially when the burden of evil spirits is great.

I praise God for a recent opportunity to share about ministry with seminary students. Both had experienced times of dealing with spiritual warfare, and at the very least I hope our interaction helped to affirm them in that they weren’t crazy for what they encountered!

Important Note:

Road construction is continuing on County Road 38 that impacts travel to the LFM office. The intersections of County Roads 35 & 38 and County Roads 31 & 38 are still closed. For now, the only way to get to the LFM office on County Road 38 is coming either from the north or south on County Road 33. At some point, our driveway will even need to be rerouted as they do work on the ditch that runs along our property. How that will affect our ability to have sessions isn’t clear yet. It seems they are making significant progress, though, working six days a week on the two mile stretch, and certainly look forward to its completion.

Short Report:

When one is burdened with a physical malady that the medical profession cannot seem to fix, that person often turns to alternative therapies. Unfortunately, many of these practices do not bring genuine healing. Instead, it is a counterfeit healing empowered by evil spirits. The healing is only a mask, as the ailment is shifted to another part of the person, whether physical or mental. Ms. SS was one who had a physical problem: her one side of her body would lock up and then twitch. Nothing seemed to help the matter. On top of that, she did not feel victorious in her Christian life. She questioned her access to God, and even, at times, doubted her salvation. Such symptoms pointed to the likelihood of involvement in magic healing. Indeed, that was the case with Ms. SS and her family history. She herself had participated in evil spirit empowered practices such as yoga, acupuncture, muscle testing, biofeedback, drawing out illness and pain by a therapist, homeopathic remedies, iridology, reflexology, and some other methods that at best brought temporary healing. She also experienced a number of traumatic events in her life, even being intensely hated by someone. Ms. SS sufficiently put all of these burdens and more on the cross. We then took to the task of confronting any evil spirits. The spirits admitted they had no more right to stay with her, but

claimed they had connections to others and could not be fully cast out. Therefore, in Jesus' name I cancelled these specific curses and connections to other people (family members and friends from her community who also did these occult practices). They then were ordered out to the abyss. She was set free in Jesus' name so she could live empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Something to Consider:

Mark 5:25-26— ²⁵ *And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse.*

The medical world is amazing to me. Very caring, smart, and educated people have done much good for the healing and wellness of people. When a person's physical issues do not seem to respond to the typical medical treatments, it is a good possibility the issue is spiritual in nature. From time to time, I listen to audio recordings of Dean Hochstetler. Recently, when listening to a lecture he gave at Bethel College (now University) in the 1980s, he emphasized this very truth: when medical treatments don't work as they normally would, it is highly likely the malady is due to the working of evil spirits. Jesus healed a dear woman who was going broke trying to find a solution. (It's interesting that Dr. Luke doesn't mention this fact in his account in Luke 8!) She was healed by Jesus just by touching his clothes, and He affirmed her and her faith when He found it was her who touched Him.

Ms. SS is a perfect recent example of one healed by Jesus when the medical field wasn't solving the problem. Prior to healing from Jesus, what could she do? With the influence of the spirits that were afflicting her, and the affirmation of a community that endorsed such practices, she tried various methods that did not bring long lasting, genuine healing. From multiple clients I had the privilege to help, it has been the case that evil spirits create the problem, and then lead the person to use an occult healing method. This only increases the bondage, and a continuous stronghold, or cycle, develops. For some, this stronghold goes on for generations. When the matter was brought before the Lord, the stronghold can be overcome and the enemy is evicted. For some, the healing comes immediately. This is especially true when the original burden was generated by evil spirits. For others, when the evil spirits are gone, the medical treatments are then successful. Either way, we give praise to the Living God for His work of healing. So if the medical treatments are not seeming to work, I encourage you to take a look the possibility of a spiritual problem causing the physical issue. If it is, the matter can be resolved through freedom in Jesus Christ.


Prayer Concerns:

Please continue to pray for God's prompting of those who need ministry to come to LFM.

Please pray blessings on the fathers and families for a blessed Father's Day. Especially for hurting, broken families, I pray for God's working in these situations so they can have healing and restoration.

Happy Father's Day to all!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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