Life of Freedom MINISTRIES

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## Greetings!

When Father's Day comes around, I often think of the loving, kind heavenly Father. Not everyone sees Him that way, and even some struggle to call Him "Father," as the Lord Jesus did. I find that very unfortunate, as those who view Him that way are missing out on a powerful truth of who He is. I'm reminded of a young female client from a number of years ago. She was from another country, and had a clear accent in her English. However, when she prayed, she said, "Papa..." It moved me with the way she spoke to her loving Papa. She was safe and secure with Him, as she unloaded some serious hurts in life. I realize I'm extremely blessed to have a human father who reflects well our heavenly Father. To say I'm grateful for him is an understatement. Like my dad, I try to show my children God's love. Of course, I'm not perfect, but my prayer is they can see God's love through me. Today's Short Report will note how a father can have a very negative impact on his children.

#### Praises:

I praise God for good times with family and friends in May with a number of different gatherings.

I praise God for His healing work in a particular client who had struggled mightily because she has been on her own in the fight. She's doing well now, choosing by the power of the Holy Spirit to resist temptations to sinful actions that had brought her great trouble.

## Short Report:

Mr. A made contact requesting help. Although a strong believer in Christ who started his own ministry, he continually struggled with failure. He called it "self-sabotage," where he had good intentions, but then did not do what needed to be done to be successful. It was evident that he felt like a failure, and that he was letting others down, including God. He was afraid the ministry he was called to was going to fail because he himself would not allow it to succeed. Mr. A had very little sin of his own. He was greatly wounded emotionally. Also, since his father neglected him emotionally. He called Mr. A lazy and stupid. He told him "you'll never amount to a hill of beans." The father also would beat Mr. A, and he was taken to a powwow healer for an illness. He did confess to feeling abandoned by his father, having a critical attitude with others, and that he feared condemnation of others. His dad's ancestry was involved in the occult practice of iridology. All these sins and a few others that were on the chart, either personal or ancestral, were confessed and nailed to Calvary's Cross. Any curses that came upon him were nailed to the Cross as well.

Once Mr. A put all of the sin, hurts, and traumatic events of his life on the Cross, we were ready to address the spirit realm. These evil spirits were found: Witchcraft (the chief who came in with the acts of magic healing), Depression, Anger, Timidity, Confusion, Rigidity, Submission, Criticism, Abandonment, Gossip, Passivity, Failure, Shame, Self-Hatred, Bitterness, Frustration, and Condemnation. As I ordered the spirits to come to attention and identify themselves, Mr. A would have pictures of them in his mind. As I commanded them all to

leave in the Name of Jesus Christ, he saw them "hanging on." He said it was something about eyes or vision. I then remembered that we hadn't fully nailed to the Cross any curses due to iridology. When that was done, the demons were cast out to the abyss.

At that point, we invited the Holy Spirit to bring Mr. A's mind any wounded memories that needed healing. As he was thinking about the memory, I asked the Lord Jesus to minister to him and bring healing in each memory. The Lord Jesus told him the truth of each event and brought healing to the wounds. He was told by Jesus some physical issues would not go away, but He would use them in Mr. A's life to help him minister to hurting people. Mr. A left in peace and grew in his freedom in Jesus Christ.

## Something to Consider:

**Psalm 27:10**—<sup>10</sup> Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me.

# **Matthew 7:11**—<sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

The challenge for all fathers is to show their children the love of God, leading them to faith in Jesus Christ. No earthly father can do this without error. However, empowered by the Holy Spirit it can be done. When this is not done, some very negative consequences come about. Mr. A is a perfect example of a dad not treating a child in a way the Holy Father would want him to treat a child. In essence, Mr. A was forsaken by his dad. He emotionally and spiritually wounded him. His dad exposed Mr. A to evil spirits through the magic healing. His dad did not care for, or protect him as he should have. Mr. A believed the lie that he was not worth anything and because of that he'd always fail. Certainly, he was not blessed by his dad, but he was cursed. Even without his dad present, the presence of the evil spirits reinforced the curses his dad spoke against him.

The wonderful thing is that God is a redeeming Father. Even though Mr. A suffered and was forsaken by his dad, his heavenly Father received him and brought Mr. A healing. He gave good gifts of deliverance and showing him his worth and value. If you have had experiences like Mr. A, or if you know someone else who has, I encourage you to not be afraid to seek the heavenly Father. He's not like the earthly father who has let you down. He truly is a loving Papa who cares for your needs. Most of all, He cares about your eternal destination. He wants you to be with Him, and wants that so much He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to come and rescue you from an eternity of separation from Him. You can experience healing and freedom now as well. So please seek Him and get help, if necessary, from someone who can lend a hand, taking you to Him for healing. It is worth the time to seek Him, so you can see who He really is, as Mr. A did.

#### **Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for our country to seek the One True God. The unrest is increasing all around us.

Please pray for a client to be able to increasingly resist the enemy's attacks on his mind by God's power.

Happy Father's Day!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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