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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Victor. Conqueror. Champion. In March, you may think of these words in terms of winning state high school or national college basketball championships. I had the tremendous joy of being an assistant coach for my eldest son's high school basketball team who won the Indiana Christian School Athletic Association state basketball tournament. It was wonderful to say, "We are the champions!" A small tournament for small schools it may have been (it is about like winning Regionals in the IHSAA tournament), but the boys played hard, good basketball. They truly deserve to be called champions.

However, words like victor, conqueror, and champion should even more so bring to your mind the Lord Jesus. We've entered the season of Lent, preparing for April 12 when we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Indeed, He did rise as victor, conqueror, and champion. He came to destroy the devil's work (1 John 3:8), defeat death, and bring forgiveness of sins through His blood on the cross, and He accomplished what He set out to do. I encourage you to reflect on the victory He has won for us in the coming weeks before Resurrection Sunday.

Praises:

I praise God for allowing me to help out as an assistant basketball coach. It is a nice changeup from ministry, and is something I thoroughly enjoy doing.

I praise God for a recent breakthrough with a client who has been severely burdened with doubt.

I praise God for those moments in ministry sessions where He clearly forced an evil spirit to admit he had to go. The spirit was not happy!

Short Report:

Living with depression is difficult for anyone. For an older teen, this was especially true. He was feeling robbed, especially since the cause of the depression was not known. Counselors tried to help, but nothing seemed to change. Before coming to LFM, the young man had a bizarre experience that led him to suspect that his issues were of a demonic sort. He was right. The demon that was tormenting, though, was not named Depression, but it was Lies. This spirit also had helpers named Deception and Apathy. The root of the ground that the spirits were using on Mr. FF was the lie he was believing that he wasn't good enough. Growing up in the church, he had come to expect himself to be perfect. Knowing that he wasn't, he began to believe something was wrong with him and he was a failure. Being around others from church even made him feel worse! The people were not condemning him, but the spirits tormented his mind with the thoughts of his inadequacies compared to them. Mr. FF renounced these lies and chose to believe the truth of his worth and value being in Christ Jesus. He knew what the Bible said, but chose it to believe it to be true when he realized he was believing the lies of evil spirits. These spirits confessed they had no more right to stay and were ordered to depart. The Holy Spirit ministered to him and he was at peace.

Something to Consider:

Matthew 12:28-29—²⁸ *But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.* ²⁹ *“Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man’s house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can plunder his house.*

Colossians 2:15—¹⁵ *And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

Romans 8:37—³⁷ *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

When the horn sounded at the end of the championship game, my son and his team acted like champions because they were champions. They received a big trophy, cut down a net, and took many pictures with big smiles on their faces. There were tears of joy all around. They acted like champions because they knew that was exactly what they were. Too many times, Christians forget that Christ is Champion. Like Mr. FF, forgetting that Christ is victor leads to a defeated outlook and negative behavior. Jesus shows us something totally different. During His time of ministry, Jesus made clear that He was the One who is stronger than the Strongman (Satan). By the Spirit of God, He set people free from the demons who were holding them captive. On the Cross of Calvary, He defeated the powers of darkness and He triumphed over them. In essence the spoils of war go to Him!

It gets even better. Since we are in Him, we too are champions over the powers of darkness. We are not just conquerors, we are more than conquerors. We can have confidence that the enemy is defeated, no matter what happens or what they do. We can live each day with the confidence that we are on the winning side. We can smile in times of trouble. We can celebrate what He has done for us. We trust that He is going to carry us through any kind of attack that Satan and his host may bring. The Bible makes it very clear: *they are already defeated*. In basketball, they had to play the game and work to become champions. As Christians, we don’t work toward victory, we work from victory and appropriate it in our lives over the powers of darkness. Therefore, I encourage you to have confidence in knowing that Christ is Victor and that in Him, you too are a champion.

Prayer Concerns:

Although remembering Calvary and Resurrection Sunday is special and important, it also is a time when the powers of darkness are active to torment believers. Please pray for some clients who are more vulnerable at this time.

Please pray for one particular client who needs to see his place of being victorious in Christ.

Please pray for some clients who have difficulty in making their schedules work for ministry sessions.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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