



Life of Freedom MINISTRIES

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

It seems too early to think about Holy Week. Nonetheless, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday will all come in March this year. Certainly, every morning should be a day to remember and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and the life He gives us. Yet, having this day, or week, in our church calendar to fully appreciate His intervention and rescuing us from the dominion of darkness is definitely special to the believer. Working in a ministry of deliverance and inner healing, I am often reminded that the Incarnation was more than just making a way for us to go to heaven. He came to bring us life even now. We won't fully experience resurrection life in this lifetime, but we don't need to continue to be in bondage to the enemy. I pray this year, you can grow in your faith in the Lord Jesus as you remember His love for us that He showed in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father.

Praises:

I give praise to God for the ability to help a number of new clients in the last month.

I give praise to God for the freedom he gave to a couple who had experienced the tormenting, deceiving work of evil spirits that had caused one partner to be unfaithful. His healing work had begun long before they came to LFM, and it was a joy to see them experience even greater freedom and healing.

I give praise to God for the way we can use technology for ministry. By meeting with people through video calls, a number of clients have been set free.

I give praise to God for the strength to get through a busy and intense month.

Short Report:

When a family comes for help because a child is having issues, my first order of business is to make sure the parents are free themselves of any presence of evil spirits. This particular couple had a teenage child with some serious issues. To their credit, they were willing to look at their own lives and make sure the teen's problems were not due to generational curses. In this case, the child was adopted, making matters much more difficult because the child inherits the spiritual issues of both biological and adoptive parents. The parents did address their own personal sin histories, as well as what they knew from their ancestors. We took time to confront the spirits in both of them. Between the two, we encountered spirits named Anger, Sexual Impurity, and Resentment. They were freed of these spirits by the Lord Jesus. One spouse then was comforted by the Holy Spirit. The spouse heard the word "love" spoken and sensed being hugged. The spirit who gave the word acknowledged that Jesus Christ had come in the flesh (1 John 4). I could see how healing it was for this parent. At that point, they didn't believe it was good for the teen to get help from LFM. The burden of the child's issues was overwhelming to both of them, and they needed time to process what they had just experienced. It was just a start for their teenager, but they made a big step in the right direction for healing and restoration.

Something to Consider:

Lamentations 5:7—*Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment.*

Ezekiel 18—*For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die.*

Without realizing the cause, many Christians are burdened due to sins of the ancestry. Often, it is said that salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ fully addresses the matter of curses inherited from ancestors because of the ancestor's sins. Indeed, it is true that sinners are freed of their guilt as Christ died to pay the price for our sins. However, it is still very evident that many Christians are burdened and struggle to live a Christian life. Evil spirits use these curses to fortify their strongholds in a person. They also create new strongholds and further the curses on a family line. The curses can be fully broken as Jesus Christ has become a curse for us (Galatians 3:13). Praise the Lord! When we acknowledge the curse and cancel it in Jesus' name, the curse is broken and the evil spirits' rights are gone. We have examples in the Old Testament of leaders confessing the sins of the ancestry. Jeremiah, Nehemiah, and Daniel all did this. Especially note in Daniel 9 that he used collective pronouns nearly 20 times!

Ezekiel 18 is referenced to challenge the principle of inherited curses and ancestral sin. It is said that this passage shows that curses like these are done away with in the new covenant. However, this passage is pointing to the reality of personal accountability and appropriating the gift of the new covenant. Just as one needs to appropriate and accept God's great gift of grace, salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, one needs to appropriate the gift of deliverance from curses. Acknowledge the reality of the curse and the sin and cancel them in the name of Jesus Christ. Our ancestors may have sinned, but we are not helpless. That is the point of Ezekiel. The couple in the Short Report above did just that. They confessed their own sins as well as the sins of their ancestry. The teenager will need to do the same for the sins of the biological parents as well. This shows how deep the work that Jesus did for those who trust in Him. In Luke 4, He quotes Isaiah 61, saying that He came to set the captives free. I encourage you to keep this in mind when you think of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ and the life He gives. The burdens of the ancestry can be removed, and all believers can live in freedom.

Prayer Concerns:

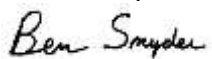
Please pray for me for managing my schedule. I continue to have many people contacting me for help.

Please continue to pray for LFM as we discern how to train others to help those in need of deliverance.

Please continue to pray for a client who is very often misunderstood by his own church about his many struggles. Sometimes the pain of those not understanding is worse than the spiritual attacks!

Have a blessed Resurrection Sunday!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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