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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us, and I certainly have many reasons to give thanks. Most of all, I'm so thankful for the restoration to life that believers have in Christ. It brings to mind John 20:31...*But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.*" The world seems to be becoming darker and darker, and yet the light we have in Christ can shine brightly and bring more and more people to life in Him. In helping so many burdened people, which often pains my heart, the truth of life in Christ carries me through. We have great reason to give thanks, because God has given us a promise of life in His name.

Praises:

I praise God for a wonderful week of service with Mennonite Disaster Service in Jennings, LA. Angela and I went with our son, Anthony, who initiated the idea for the week of service. We were blessed to get to know believers from different backgrounds who came together to help people in need.

I praise God for progress in healing and freedom for a man burdened by numerous lies that have plagued his whole life.

I praise God for a report from a client who shared about some reconciliation with a family member with whom the client had been struggling to connect.

Short Report:

Living in a home with a large amount of emotional drama is very taxing. For a child in this situation, the drama can cause a high level of pressure to perform to the parents' standards. For Ms. LLL, the drama caused her to develop an attitude of self-reliance and arrogance. She said, "No matter what I did, it was never right." Her parents would tell her that she "owed them" her good performance. Therefore, she had to overcome all negative attributes of her life and perform well. She did have a "swagger" when I first met her, but as she unloaded her history, it dissipated. She noted that as she grew to adulthood, the struggle to perform well in life only increased, and she had more failures. She tried to avoid the drama, but her mother especially accused her of being selfish for not paying attention to the dramatic issues in the home. Adultery, alcohol abuse, and domineering women also were issues in her ancestry, which added to the drama. By the time she came to LFM, Ms. LLL had a great deal of emotional pain, had been in adulterous relationships, and was struggling with suicidal thoughts. All of these burdens were confessed to God, as well as canceling any claims any evil spirits would hold on her for these burdens. When we confronted the spirits, there were numerous ones, and all of them were inherited from her parents. The chief spirit claimed the name Baalzebub. He was in charge of his subordinates, whose names included Pride, Arrogance, Embarrassment, Attitude, Mocking, False Strength, Religiosity, Spiritism, Void, Division, Showcasing, and False Piety. These spirits were tormenting her by leading her to believe that on her own strength she would need to overcome all of her burdens. The spirits

admitted their ground was cancelled and that they had to go. When they were evicted, we spent time in prayer for healing for wounds of her life. She left in the peace of Christ.

Something to Consider:

Proverbs 16:18—¹⁸ *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*

2 Chronicles 32:26—²⁶ *Then Hezekiah repented of the pride of his heart, as did the people of Jerusalem; therefore the LORD's wrath did not come on them during the days of Hezekiah.*

“I can do it myself.” When a child tells an adult this for something like pouring cereal out of a box into a bowl, it can be amusing. Unfortunately, in situations of trauma such as that experienced by Ms. LLL, the evil spirits take advantage of the situation and influence the person to believe that he or she has to do it alone. The lie that Ms. LLL believed led her to have issues with being prideful and arrogant. As she continued to grow, even though she knew the Lord Jesus, she was not operating in the power of the Holy Spirit. By operating in her own power, she became even more vulnerable to be influenced by evil spirits to participate in other sinful actions, like adultery. There was a snowball of destructive behavior that followed Ms. LLL, and got to a point where she could not take it anymore. The thoughts of quitting and committing suicide began to increase.

The good news is that one can be delivered from pride and arrogance. King Hezekiah repented of his pride, and his repentance led the people of Jerusalem to repent as well. They were then protected from punishment. In Ms. LLL's case, the choice of pride was rooted in deception from childhood and from spiritual inheritance from her parents. She was essentially trained to be prideful because she had to exert great effort to please her parents. Some children in this situation will shut down and feel worthless. Ms. LLL “pulled herself up by her own bootstraps” and found a way to at least appear to be what she was supposed to be in her parents' eyes. She knew inside though, it wasn't real. The grace of God, through the deliverance in Jesus Christ, allowed her to start a new life in Him so she didn't need to continue to believe the lies and be overcome with an attitude of pride. If it has become apparent that you in some fashion are prideful, be encouraged. Confession and repentance to the living God brings healing and restoration, just as it did for Hezekiah and Ms. LLL.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a client who needed surgery to repair injuries from his time in the military.

Please continue to pray for a client who is needing to discern how to relate to family who are divided.

Please continue to pray for discernment for the growth of LFM.

Have a peaceful and blessed Thanksgiving!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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