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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

The harvest season is here. My prayer is that this season will also be a time of harvest for bringing new believers to Christ. There is a great amount of turmoil in the world with war, natural disasters, and economic issues. Through all of this trouble, may God be able to bring people to Christ. Also, it is a season where the ways of darkness are celebrated, and I pray too that the truth of the darkness can be made known to those who are deceived into thinking that it is harmless. God is a God of redemption. He is more than able to take what the enemy has meant for evil and turn it on its head and make work for good. No doubt, experiencing the darkness is not fun, but seeing God bringing redemption is a wonderful experience.

#### **Praises:**

I praise God for a wonderful wedding for our daughter early in October. It was a good day.

I praise God for a number of powerful and joyful ministry sessions where clients were set free from evil spirits that had been at work tormenting the clients. They were often exhausted from the battle, but very happy to be free.

I praise God for the many ways He's helped many clients. There are many who are needing help!

### **Short Report:**

Life was increasingly getting worse for Mr. H. He had lost many friends and lost his job. In fact, he felt that it was not possible for him to keep a job. Spirits controlled his life, and made him say many things that he did not want to say and act in ways he did not want to act! He was embarrassed by this, and went out into public very little. In the course of surveying what could be giving these spirits legal ground, it was found that his ancestors were involved in Satan worship. The ancestors' rituals of Satan worship still had significant consequences on Mr. H. For example, the demons claimed a particular curse was put on him eight generations back. Their purpose for the curse was for him to be the anti-Christ! He took authority over that curse in the name of Jesus Christ and declared it to be cancelled. The demon for that particular curse had no more right to stay with him. Many other curses of this nature needed to be broken in Jesus name before Mr. H could be free. The confrontation with the spirits was one of the more bizarre experiences I have ever had in ministry. The spirits certainly did talk through him in weird ways until they were forbidden to do so in Jesus' name. Mr. H grew in his faith, and he was able to deal with the spirits on his own. Unfortunately for him, he didn't have a good support structure around him. He had to move closer to family, who were believers, before he could thoroughly come to freedom. I have had communication with him since. He shared he was able to get help from another person in his area, and was set free.

### **Something to Consider:**

**Romans 14:1**—Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

**Ephesians 4:2**— $^2$  Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Through the years of helping many people who were troubled by evil spirits, it has become evident that the affliction varies from a very light level to and extremely heavy level. The highest level of affliction usually is due to a person or the person's ancestry being involved in Satanism. The participation in rituals connected to Satan worship can cause intense bondage to evil spirits, because the intension of these rituals is to totally bind the person and his or her family to the powers of darkness in every aspect of life. Because of the high degree of evil spirits being involved in all of life, people who are coming out of Satanism are very sensitive to anything that is or was connected to the workings of the enemy. For some, the problem is so severe that it is difficult to be in public settings where there are things associated with the spirit realm. For example, a person like this may find it very difficult to shop in a store with Halloween decorations on display. For a Christian who has little encounter with the powers of darkness, it may not be an issue to have the Halloween decorations on display. For a person with Satanism in one's family, it can be unbearable. I recall another example from my mentor, Dean Hochstetler, sharing about a woman like this many years ago. She was not able to tour Nappanee because of the hex signs that were on display at the tourist shops in town. Hex signs are considered to be folk art, but in reality are focal points for evil spirits to bring good luck or protection. The woman's high level of experience with the spirit realm helped her to know that these signs are not just art. Unfortunately, she was so troubled by it she couldn't be around the signs. As she healed in Christ, she was able to be in public, while still recognizing the reality of the spirit realm connections to the physical objects.

I have two things to note on this issue. First, we should take note of what someone like the woman above experiences. Too often the reality of the spiritual component is ignored, and we can learn from people the reality of spiritual dangers. We might be actually burdened by these things without realizing it because it is at a very low level. Having our eyes opened to them may actually help us overcome the enemy and be free. Second, we need to be patient with people who come out of Satanism. Since they are more sensitive to spiritual things, they can be "legalistic" because they don't want to get into it again or have others get it into it. They may seem to be dramatic about the dangers, but the reality is that these people were greatly afflicted. Therefore, compassion and understanding is needed so we can help them to walk in victory over the evil spirits and not fear them. This does not mean to ignore the spirit realm and act as if it isn't there, but recognize Christ's victory over the evil spirits. I encourage you to keep this in mind if you encounter someone who seems to be more rigid in regard to things connected to evil.

# **Prayer Concerns:**

Please pray for continued strength with the increasing number of people needing help.

Please pray for discernment for expanding those who help through LFM.

Please pray for a client who has many physical issues, but the medical world has yet to discern the issue.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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