

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The August newsletter is coming out quickly since I was late with the July newsletter. Regardless, I'm glad to share with you again this month. The focus for this newsletter is to be aware of how you talk to others as well as to guard what you believe to be true about yourself. As you will read below, the lies of the enemy can come from the people we would not expect.

Praises:

I praise God for answering prayer. I asked for prayer in regard to adjusting to ministry here at home, and we've been able to work through some snags.

I praise God for how technology can be used in ministry. I was able to minister to a hurting man many miles away via Skype. Our time in prayer blessed him and he was very grateful.

I praise God for His continual presence. Some days are rough for everyone, but I'm glad the Bible says nothing can separate us from Him (see Romans 8).

I praise God for my wife, Angela. Her birthday is Saturday, August 5. She is a spectacular blessing for me. She helps me by editing the newsletter. Hopefully this portion makes it through. Happy birthday, Angela!

Update:

Due to some technical difficulties, I have not been able to update the website with the recent newsletters. I apologize for those of you who print off the newsletter from the website. Hopefully, the problem will be fixed shortly.

Short Report:

Divorce had shattered Mr. G's emotions. His ex-wife beat him emotionally and verbally. She blamed him for her troubles. Unfortunately, he believed her and believed he deserved the abuse. He came to LFM seriously down emotionally. To be sure to cover all rights demons would have to reside with him, if there were any with him, he worked through confessing all known sin in his life and his ancestry. There was not much there to address, as he had lived a clean life (which seemed contrary to what his ex-wife said about him).

Nonetheless, we checked to see if spirits were residing with him, and indeed there were. The spirits that were tormenting him were rooted in curses from the trauma of the divorce. They claimed legal ground because of the words spoken over him by his ex-wife. Instead of directly dealing with the spirits, we turned to God for healing and truth. The Living God was real and active in ministering to Mr. G. The Holy Spirit led him through a number of memories and brought him healing and shared with him the truth about him and each situation. He began to stop blaming himself and stop believing the lies that his wife had put on him. He rejected the lies she spoke over him and believed that he wasn't worthless after all! The demons connected to the painful events were then exposed and cast out as

their ground was now gone. God brought healing to a wounded man, and Mr. G left with peace in his heart.

Something to Consider:

John 8:32—³² *Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

Ephesians 4:15—¹⁵ *Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.*

When a person you love, or a person who supposedly loves you, tells you something about you, it is easy to assume it is truth. It is easy to believe, especially for children, that what the parents say must be true. Mr. G was the same way as an adult. He had a poor view of himself and if a woman actually married him, she must be right! Many wounded people who have come to LFM have expressed the hurt they received from the mouths of people who were close to them. The hurt led them to believe lies about themselves. Like with Mr. G, these people also try very hard to please those hurtful people in order to receive words of love, affection, and approval. When they fail at doing well, their view of themselves goes down even further.

Therefore, it is so important to know and believe the truth about ourselves as God sees us. Mr. G was healed by God of the wounds and he believed what God said about him instead of what his ex-wife had said. Typically, when a person says something in regard to not being good enough, I'll ask, "What does the Bible say about you in Christ?" We take some time, as much as is necessary, to learn and reinforce the truth of God's Word. Believing what others say, whether good or bad, over what God says will only bring problems. I have a handy handout that I inherited from Dean Hochstetler on "Who am I?" in Christ. The paper has a list of truths that come straight from the Bible. It also shares the lies of the enemy and how to combat it with God's truth.

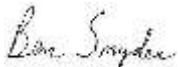
Finally, take some time to consider how you talk to others. Do you accuse, condemn, and be critical of the person? Do challenge their worth and value based on their performance? Remember that a person's value is based on being God's child not their performance. If performance, or behavior, does need some correction and refinement, that shouldn't be ignored. However, when addressing the issue (with a child, spouse, close friend, or anyone), be careful not shatter the person's sense of worth. Help them to know they are still loved and a blessing to you and others, no matter what they do. As Ephesians 4:15 says, we will show our maturity. And if you are like me and mess up, repent and ask the person for forgiveness and share the truth of God's love for the person! He truly can make beauty out of the ashes of our lives (Isaiah 61).

Prayer Concerns:

It's back to school time, so please pray for my family and many others as the children head back to school.

Please pray for God to send to LFM those He knows needs healing and freedom, and that they will be able to keep the appointment.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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