

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Happy New Year! The Christmas season disappeared rapidly, and we have rolled into another year. My hope is that you had a blessed Christmas season and are ready for 2019. Certainly, some dread the New Year, fearing a continuation of a bad previous year. We can trust in Him to carry us through the difficult times, no matter how long they last. I pray that instead of dreading the year, you can look ahead with confidence since He is with us. May 2019 be a blessed year for you.

Praises:

I praise God for a good Christmas break for me and my family. I enjoyed a number of days being with my family and friends.

I praise God for the development in some cases. I've shared how I have a few that are deeper and more involved. The Lord has clearly been ministering to these hurting clients, and bringing them freedom. It is wonderful to see them grow in their confidence.

I praise God for the end of year giving sent to LFM. No matter the amount that is given, I'm touched and thankful to Him and those who supported the ministry.

Short Report:

Ms. Z's first description of herself was one who struggled with self-image. She was always wanting her father's love, and didn't seem to get it. The trouble led to a number of sexual partners before marriage. To deal with the emotional troubles, she became involved in occult practices. For example, she went to some alternative health care services that used occult techniques to determine her ailments. Essentially, these techniques were divination, empowered by evil spirits. The techniques worked, but they were not of God. Ms. Z confessed her sins and brought the matter before the Lord for repentance. She specifically confessed her involvement in occult activities, sexual sins (which included canceling the soul tie created with each person through sexual contact), and the hurt and pain from her parents. We confronted the spirits, and there were many. The number of spirits is not an indication that she was not a Christian, or even a bad Christian. The spirits had simply taken advantage of a very hurting person. It turned out the key spirit was one that was inherited from her parents, named Avoidance. Like her parents, she avoided confrontation, wanting to just keep the peace. There were a number of sexual spirits, and a number of spirits connected to being fearful. All of these spirits left, and the Holy Spirit ministered to Ms. Z. She then had a sense of being joyful, carefree, and innocent. Her mind was clearer and she indeed seemed to be at peace. Ms. Z was troubled inside, and many would not have even known. The source of the trouble was the work of evil spirits that had tormented her from birth. Praise God! The Lord Jesus set her free.

Something to Consider:

John 15:9—⁹ *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*

Romans 8:38-39—³⁸*For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,*³⁹*neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

On numerous occasions, a client will express great pain, feeling that God has abandoned him or her. The person either feels that God has not intervened to stop the great turmoil of life, or that He Himself has caused the problem. The person then begins to question God's love, and whether he or she is really a Christian. This is often especially true when a person, like Ms. Z, has experienced avoidance and rejection from one's father. The absence of the physical earthly father easily translates into the absence and lack of love from the heavenly Father. The challenge in these cases is to show that it is not God who is bringing the affliction, but rather Satan and his host. The root of the problem was not God or His lack of love. The problem is the reality of evil spirits who hate God and His children.

I appreciate how author James Kallas addresses the matter. He makes clear it is not God who does the afflicting. In his book *Jesus and the Power of Satan*, he writes in his concluding pages:

"The doctrine of Satan candidly avows that which no thinking man can deny—there is a real element of perversion in our world. But secondly, it cries out, God is the answer to, not the source of, those perversions."

"Neither the natural scientist nor the philosopher has yet been able to penetrate the mystery of man's pain. The physician may tell us *how* the little child died, but the voice of sorrow which wells up from that primeval feeling of great loss cries out not "How?" but "Why, why, O Lord?" And to that no answer is given. On the Answer: Even though they are dead, yet shall they live."

Should you be going through a difficult time, I encourage you with the truth that God loves you very much. Even though Ms. Z did not feel that He was there, it was shown to her in ministry that He indeed was, and is with you as well. Despite the fact that we will have trouble, the Lord Jesus has overcome the world (John 16:33). Therefore, take heart and believe the truth of God's love for you for this year and forever!

Prayer Concerns:

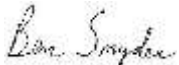
Please pray for the continued work of freedom for the difficult cases.

Please pray for some people who are debating to come to LFM for help. As happens from time to time, some hurting people hear about LFM, but are afraid to venture into an unknown area of ministry. This is especially true for those who had counseling or ministry in the past that did not work well.

Please pray for me during January in regard to caring for the business side of the ministry for the tax season. I don't want this work to interfere with ministry!

Have a wonderful and blessed 2019!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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