

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The July newsletter is coming to you a little late. The reason is that it is late, though, is because I can joyfully say that the office is finished (at least enough for ministry work). I'm so grateful for the help of family and friends to get the office to this point that I can write the newsletter from my desk in a beautiful, peaceful room. As I've written before, I appreciate Siloam Fellowship for allowing me to use a room for ministry. Nonetheless, I'm excited to have the room completed at home.

Praises:

Praise God, the office is open!

I praise God for a good visit to Ashland, OH with Angela's extended family. I shared with a local church for a Sunday school hour about LFM, and I've been told more than once the talk was well received. The sharing time has led to much discussion for them.

I praise God for His continuing to rescue us from the dominion of darkness. More than one person has talked with me lately about the growing conflict with those in open rebellion and Satanism in the area. Such spiritual activity may cause problems, but God has carried us through, and will continue to do so.

Short Report:

Mr. AA had come before to LFM for help, and things had become only a little better for him. When he came the second time, he admitted that he wasn't fully honest with his struggle with a particular sin, lusting by viewing pornography. He was feeling like he was stuck in darkness. He also admitted that the sin was something he knew afflicted his father. He shared that he believed the overarching issue was pride, which led to not being able to confess the sin. At this point, though, he was able to confess it all to Lord. We followed the confession with a confrontation of any evil spirits present with Mr. AA. He could feel them in his body. Interestingly, the chief spirit was not Pride, Lust, Pornography, or anything with his person struggle, but was Witchcraft. Witchcraft was an inherited spirit from Mr. AA's ancestors' involvement in occult healing practices. These occult practices led to the spiritual problem of pride and other sinful actions. He cancelled the ground that Witchcraft and the other demons claimed in Jesus' name, and the spirits were ordered out. He no longer felt their presence in his body, and did not feel like he was in darkness. He was set free!

Something to Consider:

Exodus 34:6-7—⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation."

Galatians 3:13—¹³ *Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."*

"Eighty-percent of all demonization comes through the ancestral line." I'm quoting Dean Hochstetler, my mentor. He made clear that a majority of peoples' problems were rooted in the burdens of the ancestry. My ten years of full-time ministry has convinced me that he was accurate. Many times after listening to hurting people share their story, and I begin to ask questions from the inventory, it becomes clear that the burdens are ancestral.

Nonetheless, when I shared with the church in Ashland and came to the point on ancestral sin, it was evident by facial expressions that this was a very new concept. For many, the suggestion of sins of the ancestry is offensive and taken in a way that I'm saying their ancestors are not even Christian. I am not saying they are not believers. Exodus 34 makes clear that there are consequences for sin, especially when that sin is in the realm of the occult or idol worship. These activities are in the domain of the demonic and invite their presence into the person's life, and his or her family as well. The trouble these spirits bring can be disastrous and rob a person of the joy of Christ, as it did with Mr. AA.

For sure, Mr. AA had to confess his personal sin. In fact, confession of personal sin is still the first thing I have a person confess. However, the spirits would not go until he confessed the sins done in the ancestry. That is another part of the good news: Jesus carries the inherited curse for us. We can cancel the evil spirits' claims and then order them to depart. We are not helpless, but we must appropriate the victory we have in Jesus.

I'm often asked why the spirits don't leave when we come to saving faith. I don't know for sure why, but experience shows they most often don't. John 3:16 says God loves the world. However, not everyone will be saved. We must appropriate by faith the great gift of salvation. The same is true in applying the cross to curses of inheritance.

Mr. AA was brave enough to confess his personal sins of lust and pride, and the truth of the root of the matter was made clear. Sometimes these troubles are symptoms of something greater. Therefore, I encourage people to be open and honest before the Lord and confess their burdens to Him. He will show them to truth and they will be set free (John 8:32)!

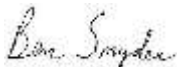
Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for those working out schedules to come for ministry. There have been many cancellations this summer due to scheduling conflicts.

As I often ask, please pray for me for discernment.

Although I'm excited for the finished office, it will still be an adjustment, a shifting of gears for the time between sessions. Please pray for me in this season of adjustment.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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