

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

May has always been a special month for me. School usually ends for us at the end of the month. We celebrate Mother's Day (happy Mother's Day to all the moms). My wife and I celebrate our anniversary (19th this year). Also, our oldest child celebrates a birthday in May. Many baseball games for our children are also a part of May. Through this season, it is nice to be out in the warmer weather and see all the green plants and pretty spring colors.

Praises:

I give praise to God for His direction for me in ministry sessions. I know for sure there are times where a certain question I'm led to ask a person is from Him, and is very helpful for the person to see the truth in a matter. I marvel at how He can work through someone like me to help others!

I praise God for He gives strength to clients to persevere through some very dark days. Some have lived for many years with much hurt and pain. Some have to deal with retaliation from the enemy. Regardless, God carries them through!

I also praise God for blessing me with a super wife. She's a great mom, and I'm very grateful for the years we've been together.

Short Report:

During times of serious emotional pain, sometimes a person can choose to simply stuff the pain and not feel it any longer. In essence, the person is making a vow to never feel anything in regard to the certain painful subject. The pain usually "bubbles up" in other aspects of life. In ministry, there times demons interfere with healing for these hurts and pains because of the vows. In the case with this particular client, they interfered to the point the client could not speak, or even move. On the client's behalf, I cancelled the curses in Jesus' Name for the vow to feel the pain or even speak of the pain. After doing that, commanding the spirits to release the client, and reading scripture about the position of a believer over the demons, the person was able to speak. Then, repeating after me word by word, the client broke the curse from the vow to never feel the pain or even speak of the pain. The person then felt relief as the Holy Spirit began to heal the hurt that was there.

Something to Consider:

Colossians 3:12—¹² *Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.*

Romans 14:19—¹⁹ *Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*

Romans 15:7—⁷ *Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

When preparing for this newsletter, a line that I wrote for Short Report, seemed significant to me. *"The pain usually 'bubbles up' in other aspects of life.* In the case with the client above, the level of pain was so great the client did not want to even talk about the matter. For others, the pain manifests itself in different ways. Being down, discouraged, angry, short tempered, bossy, lacking confidence, withdrawn, or just plain mean are just some of the troubles that come from the hurt and pain. The demonic tries to enhance these as much as possible to cause the person to be rejected and hurt all the more!

Sometimes, I see these manifestations in my clients in ministry sessions. The client may not be treating me poorly, but I see it in how the client treats others. It can be challenging to not retaliate in kind to someone who has been mean in some fashion. Responding in kind so often plays right into the enemy's plans for destruction, causing more hurt and rejection. When a client encounters people not responding with grace and understanding, the process of ministry can be really slowed. Sadly, in some cases, the treatment nearly causes the person to just give up!

In cases like these, I'm not just blaming the problem on demons. Their presence may have started the initial actions that brought about the hurt and pain, and their presence are likely intensifying the hurt. However, just getting rid of the demons is not the solution. Yes, the demons do need to depart, but healing from the Holy Spirit is essential. Without healing, the woundedness a person has could easily create scenarios for other demons to afflict him or her.

Finally, this encouragement is as much for me as it is for all of you reading this newsletter: when you meet someone who is not being nice or is really down, keep in mind the person may have a great deal of hurt that is causing the negative behavior. This is not to justify sinful behavior at all. However, let's try to have grace for others and not respond in kind and make matters worse. Also, asking the person to just stuff the emotions and put on a smile usually doesn't solve the problem! Thinking positively is good, but just thinking positivity without the power and healing of the Holy Spirit is mere humanism. Instead, pray for the person and invite the living God to minister and bring healing!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for me to be able to rest well so that I'm refreshed to lend a hand to people.

Please pray for scheduling to work out. As we move toward summer and many activities for people, sometimes scheduling conflicts arise.

Please pray for God's protection for me, my family, and my clients from retaliation from the enemy.

Happy Mother's Day!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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