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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

What a joy we have as Christians in this month of April as we can celebrate the finished work of Jesus Christ. Although reading and hearing of the torturous, excruciating pain the Lord Jesus experienced on the cross, we can know that by His death and shedding of His innocent blood, all who believe are washed clean of our sinful unrighteousness and have an answer for all of the accusations of the enemy. Even more, we can celebrate a Resurrected Christ, and again all who believe in Him too receive resurrection life. We certainly can be joyful in knowing of how tremendous God's love is for us in giving this provision of eternal life. I pray these coming days will be filled with joy and peace in remembering the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord!

Praises:

I praise God for the privilege of serving Him. Even though it often saddens me to see how severely the powers of darkness have wounded people, I'm honored to lend a hand to them and see how God ministers, bringing healing and freedom. I often don't feel qualified, but God doesn't seem to care about that. He brings freedom anyway.

I again praise God for the ability to meet with people with equipment like computers and the internet. It certainly is another example of God being present in multiple places, as I converse with people hours away and God sets them free of spirits of darkness.

Short Report:

When Ms. MM came to LFM, it was a case that was not difficult to discern that she suffered from demonic affliction. She had many medical problems, causing her to constantly need pain medication. She also then became addicted to drugs and alcohol for the pain. She had a child outside of marriage, was totally unable to keep a job, and attempted suicide. She noted that the temptation was very strong. She lost custody of her children because of these issues. Ms. MM suffered from even more. She suffered from traumatic experiences of abuse and rape. She often would feel choked by fire around her neck. The palms of her hands would burn. She would often see dark figures, which caused a great deal of fear, worry, and anxiety. Thankfully, she did come with a good support person who was looking after her. Her family background did not consist of believers, and some were clearly antagonistic to the Gospel. There was more that could be written, but this gives the idea of how much turmoil was in her life. I led Ms. MM through confessing to God as much of her experiences in her life that could in any way allow spirits to torment her as they were. After cancelling the ground the spirits held, we then confronted them. They made themselves present to her quickly, and there were many that we found. Pain was causing her to have the pains that moved around the body, and he identified himself first. Others followed: Sexual Immorality #1, Anger, Fear, Pain #2, Agitation, Addiction, Sexual Immorality #2, Perversion, Masturbation, Molestation, Tribulation, Rebellion, Anxiety, and False Holy Spirit. It seemed the last one, False Holy Spirit, was the key to the situation. This spirit had her believing that God had guaranteed to her things would happen. An example, was getting custody of her children. The spirit

also gave her instructions on what to do. Not all of the things he told her to do were bad, but his influence allowed him to distort good things and increasingly lead her astray. The care giver who brought her was seeing to her follow up. The enemy had truly created quite a mess, but the Lord Jesus Christ delivered her from some very troubling spirits.

Something to Consider:

John 12:31—³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Isaiah 53:5—⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

When the daily work of ministry includes a focus of the finished work of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross, there is a danger that Resurrection Sunday loses its joyful significance. We can know that our sins are washed away. We have the ability to confront the powers of darkness in confidence because they are already defeated and the curses they hold against us (the rights they use to afflict people) can be cancelled in His name. We now have no fear of death. These truths are everyday elements of ministry, front and center in teaching and ministering in regard to the evil spirits.

When I reflect on this, it is brought to mind, I believe by the Lord, of times of joy and peace when I saw firsthand the Lord's working out these truths. There are examples that I can give. For instance, seeing the relief and joy on a person's face when sins are confessed and he or she knows that forgiveness is given by God. Another example is a person expressing the lightness because the weight has been lifted when a spirit is evicted. Finally, when I think personally to my experiences of loved ones dying, knowing that those loved ones are redeemed children of God and I need not fear their deaths, I'm very humbled and grateful for God rescuing us from the predicament we were in due to our sin. For me, celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus isn't usually done with cheering and clapping and the sort of things that are done at a ball game. Instead, I'm moved to take a knee in reverence. As St. Athanasius notes in *On the Incarnation*, God's love for us is so great that He couldn't let us go; He had to rescue us from death so He could be in intimate relationship with us. I pray this truth brings you a great sense of joy and gratefulness as it does me.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for me for strength and organizational skills to deal with a greatly increased amount of clients. I'm stunned at the amount of calls, texts, and emails from people wanting to schedule an appointment. It is a privilege to help, but I certainly need the power of the Holy Spirit to continue.

Please pray for a few clients whose current living situations make it difficult to proceed with ministry. Being in situations where family members are not in favor of addressing matters of the spirit realm greatly hinders the progress, and they need our prayer support to continue on in the battle.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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