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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

This Sunday is Resurrection Sunday, where we celebrate the fact that Jesus rose from the grave. It is a day of major importance for the Christian, with a good reason for celebration. Without His resurrection, our faith is pointless (1 Corinthians 15:17). In reading the passages of His resurrection this last week, it stood out to me how He said multiple times: “Peace be with you!” My prayers is that this week, especially on Sunday, you will experience God’s peace. We all experience trouble in this world in some form or another, and I hope that remembering His resurrection gives you comfort. He has defeated sin, the devil, and death, and we can surely have confidence in Him because He proved it with His resurrection.

Praises:

I praise God for His work in bringing further understanding to a client who has been burdened for many years. The ground held by the spirits had not been fully made known until a session last month.

I praise God for healing for a client that included healing of the client’s physical body. The spiritual attacks of the enemy had troubled the person for years, but Jesus set the client free of the affliction.

Short Report:

When one has been abused often and treated as if he or she is not good enough, the person can have a difficult time being motivated to do well. If the lie has been believed for many years, the stronghold can be hard to overcome because an evil spirit can be at work. Such was the case for Ms. III. During her childhood, she was often made to feel that she was not good enough, especially by her father. She began to believe that the only way to be good enough was to be perfect. No matter how hard she tried, she could not be perfect. Even if others found no errors with her work or performance, she would. She simply was not good enough in her mind. Matters would even get worse if a person did complain or critique her. Ms. III got to the point where she lost much of her motivation to do anything because she assumed that she would fail. She had to be perfect. She shared this information with me, and I invited the Holy Spirit to bring to mind a memory where she was hurt by not being “perfect.” One came quickly from her childhood. She confessed to God the hurt from the memory, as well as, renouncing the lies she believed from the memory. She chose to forgive the person who hurt her, and herself for failing. We then confronted whatever spirit that was connected to the matter, and one did identify himself. He went by the name Perfectionism. He said he had many helpers who attacked her to make her feel guilty, ashamed, not good enough, wanting to quit, and also be critical of herself. Ms. III’s prayers of confession and cancelling any claims that evil spirits would have on her forced Perfectionism to admit he and his helpers had to go. The Holy Spirit reminded her that in Christ, she is who He wants her to be. She declared that a big load was lifted off of her. I encouraged her to daily affirm the truth that Jesus determines her worth and value, not others. She is of immense worth to Him, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, she can live for Him.

Something to Consider:

Genesis 1:27—²⁷ *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

John 3:16—¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

1 John 3:1—*See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!*

In his writing, *On the Incarnation*, St. Athanasius notes that God, being who He is, love, simply could not let His creation go without making a way to rescue them. Humanity was made in His image, and He couldn't let His image fall to destruction. His love for us is so great, that He Himself came and redeemed us. Through the Lord Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father, we too can have a new life in Him. He reconciled us to God because He wants us to be with Him because He loves us. Another way of writing it is that the Lord Jesus invaded the world full of evil to redeem us, those made in His image. He wants all to repent and choose the Way of being with Him, Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:9), so that He can "lavish" His love on them. Lavish means sumptuously rich, elaborate, and luxurious. What tremendous love!

It makes sense, then, that the enemy wants to hinder people from believing this truth. Ms. III is a perfect example of a person who the evil spirits worked extra hard to steal the truth of God's love for her. They tormented her mind with many lies about her worth and value. As with most people, they got her to focus on what she had or had not done, making her worth be about her production. They enhanced any sense of guilt she may have had for wrong doing, and even created false guilt for things that she did that weren't even sinful. She believed in order to be loved by God, she had to be perfect. Since she knew she wasn't perfect, and that she really couldn't ever be perfect, she basically shut down. Why should she be motivated if she can't succeed anyway? In her mind, God would never be happy with her.

God ministered to Ms. III to show her that He loves the people of this world because they are His creation. Certainly, He does not approve of their actions at times, but that doesn't change His love for people. He valued her so much He died and rose again for her. His Spirit resides in her to make her more and more into His likeness. With this truth, Ms. III, could leave in peace and victory.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a client who has some major health issues which the medical world has not been able to discern the cause. If the root of the problem is spiritual, the prayer is that it will be made known.

Please pray for a client who is trying to balance caring for family while needing to take extra time for healing and restoration for herself.

Have a blessed Resurrection Sunday!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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