



# Life of Freedom MINISTRIES

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

In Mark 6, Jesus walks on the water to the disciples who are in a boat. They were terrified thinking it was a ghost, as it was dark. Jesus' response was, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." The disciples were still learning who Jesus was. They didn't need to be afraid. These words have been encouraging to me. As I've grown to know Him more, the less I need to fear. I've learned that we especially don't need to fear the spirits. They certainly can be scary, but we can take courage because of the power of Christ in us.

## **Praises:**

I praise God for the salvation given through Jesus Christ. In one session last month, a person came to saving faith and was set free from some tormenting spirits. The client only knew about Jesus, but didn't know Him. The client learned quickly of the love of the Savior and the freedom He brings.

I praise God for carrying me and my family through a time of attack. Holy Week is a wonderful week for believers, but it also a time for the enemy to retaliate. God is faithful and carried us through.

I praise God for His work in expanding the work of LFM, and I am looking forward to seeing how it grows.

## **Short Report:**

A danger that comes with deliverance ministry is the fascination one can get with evil spirits. For some, the ability to be aware of their presence in any situation is of great importance. The desire for this can become so great that some desire to have the ability to see the spirits. I have caution for those who desire such a gift. Almost everyone who comes to LFM for help and can see the spirit realm finds this ability to be a burden. Such was the case for Ms. PPP. For her, seeing the spirits would burden her to the point she was nearly having panic attacks. Therefore, she came for help to be free of the burden. We followed the typical process of working through an inventory to identify any possible way that evil spirits could be present with her. After working through the inventory, Ms. PPP confessed to God all of the items that were found in the inventory. She cancelled any claims that any evil spirits would have held on her for those things. We then confronted the evil spirits. I commanded in Jesus' name the spirit who was causing her to see the spirit realm to attention. The main spirit who caused her to see the spirits was named Fear. He had claimed residence with her when she was sexually abused by some teammates of the sport she played. Fear was evicted, as she had cancelled the ground he held. Another spirit was with her named False God Worship, and he came in from an inherited curse from her parents. Some personal involvement in the occult also let another spirit be with her, and his function name was Witchcraft, who also had to leave.

We kept on with the battle, pressing the spirits who were with her to attention. Promptly, an evil spirit identified himself as Lies, who had also come from the abuse in her life. He had a helper named Doubt, who had convinced her that she had no authority over the spirits. Once she realized that in Christ, she did have authority over the evil spirits, Lies and Doubt could no longer stay and were evicted. Interestingly, an evil

spirit named Pornography was with her, transferring to her from her husband because of his involvement in viewing pornography. She cancelled his claim in the name of Jesus and he left. Finally, the chief evil spirit was identified: False Holy Spirit. He was in charge of all the evil spirits named, and also entered with the sexual abuse. The imposter of the true Holy Spirit had no legal right to stay and was cast out to the abyss. With the ground cancelled and the spirits evicted, she had no spirits attacking her to cause her to see the spirit realm, and she left in peace.

### **Something to Consider:**

**Ephesians 6:12**—*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

**Luke 10:20**—*“However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*

As was noted in the Greetings section, we have nothing to fear in regard to the spirit realm. The Lord Jesus has already defeated the powers of darkness, and in Him, we too are in a place of victory. Unfortunately, some who understand this victory can become too enamored with the battle with the enemy and actually focus too much on them. The focus needs to be balanced. Indeed, we do battle with the spirits and that battle should not be ignored. At the same time, the fact that we are victorious in Christ dare not lead to gloating or having a respect for the spirits. I’ve seen examples of this in people who advertise as being able to see the spirits. Not everyone who sees the spirit realm, or desires to see the spirit realm, has lost their spiritual balance. However, the danger of seeing the spirit realm is an over emphasis on power encounters, and being seen as having a special power. It can become all about the person and not God. There are people who God has given the ability to see the spirits at times, and I’m impressed at how they graciously use the gift to help others to freedom instead of showing off that gift. Therefore, the caution that Jesus gave in Luke 10 is still relevant. Find your real joy in the fact that you belong to Jesus instead of having an impressive ability to see spirits. All Christians have the same authority over the spirits. Some have more practice at using the authority. The practice doesn’t make us experts or better Christians. It simply gives us more responsibility to help those in need. Whatever gift God has given you, I encourage you to use it to further His kingdom.


### **Prayer Concerns:**

Please continue to pray for LFM as we work at adding to those who will help to minister to those in need.

Please pray for some clients that are under heavy attack that causes great levels of discouragement and depression. Pray for the Holy Spirit’s ministering work of encouraging them.

Please pray for a client who lives in a situation with little Christian support and needs brothers and sister in Christ around her.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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