

Newsletter—Vol. XVI, No. 1 January 2022

Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

# **Greetings!**

Happy New Year! We are off and running into 2022. I feel very blessed to be able to continue another year in serving the Lord and helping troubled people. I'm grateful for how He ministers to me throughout. My prayer is for the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in bringing transformation to you this year so you can live abundantly for Him. Living abundantly doesn't mean living on easy street, but in His might so you can share His love with others. This point is actually something I try to remember to share with all my clients: the eviction of evil spirits is not about being able to have no problems. Instead, it is about living fully for the Lord as He calls us to live, and share the good news of God's love with those around us.

#### **Praises:**

I praise God for a number of opportunities to share about ministry work in November and December. It appears that some more opportunities may be coming in January and February as well.

I praise God for some break through with a couple of clients who have been burdened for a long time. I'm grateful for how patient God is with me in trying to help hurting people, and for the patience of the clients as we try to discern the next step.

## Year-End Donations from 2021:

Once again the year-end giving was a huge blessing for LFM. Many mailed in checks, donated online, or just dropped a gift in the donation box in the office. I'm very grateful for the support, as it will be very helpful for the finances for 2022. I find it incredible how so many give faithfully, even if the current economic situation seems unstable. Thank you all again.

### **Short Report:**

Ms. DDD had struggled with anger for her entire life. No matter how she tried to address the problem, it never seemed to go away. Her life began to get even worse, as she began to not be able to sleep well. After about nine months of poor sleep, she made an appointment with LFM. Interestingly, after she made the appointment, the sleep problems only got worse. At the first meeting, we went through an inventory of questions that would help to show if the anger and sleep problems were rooted in the spirit realm. Her own personal sin base was not that extensive. Most of the sinful behavior was connected to anger, such as impatience and stubbornness. However, she did note that her grandmother also had anger issues. Plus, Ms. DDD was of Irish ancestry and had red hair. Therefore, she was often called a "fiery red head." In the second session, she confessed all of the burdens found through the inventory and cancelled any claims the evil spirits would hold on her in Jesus' name. We then confronted any evil spirits that were with her, and the chief spirit identified himself. He was indeed named Anger, and he was inherited from her grandmother. He had helpers named Shame, Worry, and Anxiety. These spirits had no more right to stay, and were ordered to depart. Though she struggled for years to try and deal with anger issues, it was only by the power of Christ at work in her, that she was changed. The Lord Jesus freed her from dark spirits that held her captive to the anger. One may have an inherited, or generational curse, about something, like being an angry, red headed girl, but the

power of Christ is greater than these curses.

## **Something to Consider:**

**2 Peter 1:3**—<sup>3</sup> His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

**1 Corinthians 4:20** $-^{20}$  For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

For many, every New Year's Day brings resolutions of some sort to correct a problematic aspect of life. The intention to make these corrections is well intended by most people. However, I've noticed over the years that many Christians involved in this kind of mindset are simply trying to make changes in regard to themselves by their own power. In some cases, new habits are developed and a person has the desired changes. Unfortunately, when the matters are more spiritual in nature, the human power just isn't enough. God's power must be at work to transform the person more and more into His likeness. Ms. DDD tried for years to address the anger issues. The presence of evil spirits made it almost impossible for there to be any real and lasting change. Until she addressed the evil spirits and the rights they held on her in the power of Jesus Christ, she wouldn't be free.

Therefore, if you, or someone you know, has a burden that just doesn't go away, no matter how much you resolve to change or no matter how much effort you make, I suggest turning to the One who has the power to make the change. I'm not suggesting that all problems are because of the presence of evil spirits. Instead, I'm saying that trusting in Him and inviting His powerful work in you as you cooperate with Him will be more productive. We can look to Him for His power to be at work in us. One preacher I heard said that we can even pray, "Lord, I can't \_\_\_\_\_ (whatever the troubling issue is), but I choose to believe that by Your power, I can do it." For my own self, it has been encouraging to know that I can trust in His power at work in me just to help hurting people. I can relax and trust in Him.

If the issue is in regard to evil spirits, then it is definitely the case that one must operate in the power of Christ. James 4:7 notes to humble ourselves by submitting to God so the devil will flee. Indeed, if you submit to Him and acknowledge your need of Him and His work in your life, and if you exercise the authority He has given you over the enemy, major changes can happen. So you have any resolutions that seem like a broken record, I encourage you to look to a greater, actually, the greatest power: Jesus Christ. In Him, you can be set free.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Please continue to pray for the two clients noted in the Praise section. Although big steps were made, the power of the Holy Spirit in them to bring full freedom is needed.

Please pray for the opportunities ahead for sharing about ministry with other groups.

Have a blessed 2022!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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