



Life of Freedom **MINISTRIES**

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Since this newsletter has come out a little late, I can say that I hope you had a good celebration of Independence Day for those of you in the United States. It was a hot weekend for me, watching my daughter play a lot of softball. We had an enjoyable break from our regular activities for a weekend away. Even being away, I still reflected on the idea of liberty and freedom. I'm grateful for sure for the freedom I have in this country, but there is no freedom that is equal to that of freedom that one has in Jesus Christ. It is a great burden for me when I see people who are troubled by the powers darkness, but it is an even greater joy when they are set free in His name.

Praises:

I praise God for His help for me through people who had no idea they were doing it, but were encouraging me over the last month. When battles rage, the encouragement gives me a boost.

I praise God for how the ministry work isn't on my shoulders alone. He asks me to partner with Him to lend a hand to hurting people, but He does the healing. I know that if it were up to me, it would not be very productive.

I praise God, and also am humbled by, how He continues to influence people to contact LFM for help. Some folks have come, saying they were referred to me by someone, and I don't even know that person. Another person told me that by word of mouth, LFM has been made known to people far beyond my imagination and has impacted many people. I praise God for His working through me in that fashion.

Short Report:

When a person hears voices he likely will believe that he is crazy. Not only that, the voices Mr. II heard were extremely harsh and abusive. Experiencing such things is not something a person is willing to share with others too often, but he had the courage to tell me. The goal was to discern if these voices were evil spirits, and if so, why they were with him. By going over an inventory with him, I found that he was often emotionally, mentally, physically, and verbally abused as a boy. To deal with the pain, he turned to drugs and sexual promiscuity. We took time to confess all of these sins and cancel any curses any evil spirits would have on him. Only one evil spirit identified himself in this case. This particular spirit was the highest ranking evil spirit residing in Mr. II, and went by the name Doubt. This demon admitted that he and all of the demons under him had no more right to stay. I then bound all of his helpers to him in Jesus' name, a standard practice for me, and ordered them to the abyss. From that point, Mr. II said everything improved! We spent time going over the truth of Scripture in regard to his identity in Christ and the worth and value one has because of being in Christ. With a new outlook on life and no more voices, he was ready to live for the Lord Jesus.

Something to Consider:

1 Peter 5:8—⁸ *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

Luke 13:16—¹⁶ *Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?*

Is it really possible that spirit beings can affect a person? Do people hear spirits as Mr. II did? Does this kind of thing happen in the United States, or is confined to other countries that are not as developed as the United States? The Scripture references above make it clear that the devil and his host are at work to attack us, and will do it without mercy, so it must be true that it does really happen. When I first started in ministry, I sensed that the Christian population was becoming increasingly aware of the reality of the spirit realm and its impact on all people all over the world. I believed that people like Dean Hochstetler, Neil Anderson, Tim Warner, and many others had shown that indeed spirits do afflict people.

In recent years, instead of seeing more and more Christians engaging in the battle with the powers of darkness, I've seen a distancing or even a rejection of this battle. Perhaps many have been turned off by those involved in this work who are more charismatic, seeming to base all trouble in life on evil spirits, and have little discernment. Others focus on the medical/scientific view, especially in regard to mental illness. For example, I was sternly told by a doctor that a certain person's problems were not spiritual, but was clearly caused by a chemical imbalance that the person will have until death. Such perspectives are very unfortunate. When I see burdened people ignoring or are blind to the spirit realm problem, it saddens me.

It is absolutely true that such spirit realm issues happen in the United States, and may only get worse. I've seen reports of different activist groups being involved in spiritism, invoking spirits to help them in their cause. These reports are not done by conspiracy theorist, but documented right from their own websites. Such practices will have profound spiritual impact on the country. The answer isn't by fighting in the streets, but by fighting in the spirit realm. In Christian authority, we need to bind up the powers of darkness that motivate folks to participate in such darkness. He has already won the victory, we just need to appropriate it as Mr. II did. I highly recommend two books on this: John A. MacMillan's *The Authority of the Believer*, and a biography about John A. MacMillan, *A Believer with Authority: The Life and Message of John A. MacMillan*, by Paul L. King. When we exercise our authority as believers, it does great damage to the works of the enemy. Have courage and confidence that in Christ, you can make a difference.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for civility in the US, and world, even if there is disagreement, and bind the spirits of chaos.

Please pray for me for some more difficult cases I have. The need for discernment is very great.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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