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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

In John 8:32, Jesus said, “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” In this month’s newsletter, another case is given of how believing lies can allow spirits of darkness to torment a person. Many times in ministry sessions, I have the privilege of sharing truth with a person. For some, the truth grabs hold quickly and the person knows for sure that he or she is free. For others, the lie has been held powerfully for so long that it takes time daily believe the truth and reject the lie. Either way, it is a working of divine power within to transform him or her into an empowered person to live more fully in Christ. Therefore, I encourage you to take time in prayer to invite the Lord to show if you are believing any lies. If any are revealed, reject them and choose to believe the truth. Freedom and fullness in Christ is for you too!

Praises:

I praise God for how He prepares people to come for help. I pray often for Him to show people what needs to be addressed, and almost every time, the person shares something that needs our attention. God’s hand was at work to prepare for the session. Once again, it is evident of His great care for His children.

I praise God that victory isn’t dependent on me and my skills. It is a relief that victory is already won in Him, and I simply lend a hand to those who come for help to apply that victory. Demons often try to intimidate clients, saying they’ll never leave. When forced to tell the truth in the Name of Jesus Christ, they admit they are going and will be gone forever. It’s not my force, but the force of Christ that sets the captive free.

Short Report:

Just functioning day to day without the joy of life in Christ led Ms. II to deal with sadness, depression, and fear. Overall, she felt disappointed and lacking of her spiritual life. She shared how through her life she felt she was not good enough in regard to religious performance. As a child, she would be shamed and made to feel stupid when she was wrong. She was negative about herself, believing it was only a matter of time before she would fail. She’d do her best to fit in, but just felt to be a drain on people and not measuring up to the standards of the church. With all of these experiences and emotions, she felt she had no purpose or direction because of a fear of a relationship with God. It was assumed He was not pleased with her. With Ms. II, the main issue that needed to be addressed was rejecting the lies she was believing due to hurtful experiences. She put all of the burdens that she could remember on the cross: all personal sins, ancestral sins, and sins done against her. She cancelled the ground any evil spirits were claiming on her for these things. We then were able to confront the spirits that were tormenting her. Spirits claimed the names Performance, Fear of Man, Accusation, Condemnation, Failure, False Pride, and Pride. These spirits tormented her mind causing her to think very negatively about herself. Then, they turned it around and led her to hold these very same attitudes toward others. Hence, she was accused by False Pride of being prideful any time she thought she measured up to God’s standards, and then was actually influenced to be prideful by the spirit Pride to looking down on others. They had Ms. II on a merry-go-round of driving her to measure up, accusing her of not doing it, and then

attacking her with either False Pride or Pride. The torment on her mind was very depressing! However, Christ is victor and the spirits' ground was cancelled and they were commanded to depart from Ms. II. I invited the Holy Spirit to minister to her. The peace she hoped would be given by her religious performance was only given by the gracious kindness of the Holy Spirit sharing with her that she belonged to Him.

Something to Consider:

Isaiah 61:1—*The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners...*

Matthew 11:28-30—²⁸ *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

A very helpful handout that I inherited from Dean Hochstetler for cases like Ms. II is entitled, *Experiencing God*. This paper asks how one experiences God daily. Do you see Him as your authority to whom you must submit, and that you are accountable to Him because you need to please Him? Therefore, for Him to affirm you, there must be strict obedience. Finally, once you know you've met all of God's requirements, you can know and feel that God has accepted you. This was the kind of thinking Ms. II had. She had to measure up to feel accepted and know God's love. In a sense, He was a demanding tyrant who needed to be pleased—a better picture of Satan, actually.

The other option on *Experiencing God* says this: Because I'm a believer in Christ, God already accepts me. He affirms me as I trust in Him and walk in faith, not by earning my salvation. Because I know I'm in Him, I am joyfully and freely accountable to Him. I see Him as my loving authority and I desire to be obedient because of His great love and delight in me, His precious child. After the Holy Spirit ministered to Ms. II, she now had the option to believe the truth of God's word in the Bible and the word He gave her in that session.

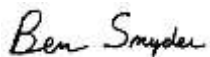
If you are experiencing God in the way listed in the first option of *Experiencing God*, I encourage you to reject those lies and believe the truth of who you are in Christ. The powers of darkness desperately want us to struggle and be tormented like Ms. II was. Our loving Savior wants us to live fully and freely in Him. It's why He came to rescue us, so we can have life in Him (1 John 5:12). So choose to believe you are His beloved child!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for clients that they can stand firm in Christ during the coming weeks. In the season of Lent, spiritually oppressed people can sense a greater degree of attack and need our prayer support.

Please pray against the works of darkness in the coming days. The spring equinox, April Fool's Day, Good Friday, and Resurrection Sunday are days of great spiritual activity for those on the side of evil. Our prayers against them for God's intervention and protection are very helpful for all.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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