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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The Thanksgiving season is here, and for some even the Christmas season is here, too. (As much as I enjoy Christmas, I'm not ready for that yet!). In thinking of Thanksgiving, 2 Corinthians 1:8-11 comes to mind. The Apostle Paul was sharing about his hardships in ministry. Instead of complaining, he gives thanks for God's granting answer to his supporter's prayers. Surely, we've all encountered some sort of hardship in the last year. Even so, we all can give God thanks for carrying us through each and every ordeal. With that in mind, I hope you can have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving Day and season.

Praises:

I praise God for His helping me to relax. In the last month, I've had a few speaking engagements. Typically, I get nervous for these events because I want to share the truth of the battle without creating a terrifying fear for the listeners. I believe He helped me to be clear, but also positive about the victory of Jesus Christ over the powers of darkness.

I praise God for a good report from a client who has dealt with many troubling attacks of the enemy. The client was doing so well and walking in freedom that a follow up session was cancelled. It brings joy to me when a person is free!

Important Note:

Due to the large amount of rain in October, the road construction in front of the LFM office on County Road 38 is not yet fully complete. Crews are now finishing up putting lines on the pavement and caring for ground on the sides of the road. I had hoped that by the end of the month, the work would be finished. Instead of October, it appears that it should be done by the end of November.

Short Report:

Although it can be a bit scary for the client, a large majority who come to LFM have clear encounters with the enemy when I confront them. In other words, it is obvious to the person that an evil spirit is communicating with him or her, answering some simple questions of the spirit: do you have a right to stay, if so, what is the legal right, and what is your function name? Encounters like this are helpful, though, to show that the trouble was caused or enhanced by the evil spirits. For Mr. KK, this was not the case. We had a number sessions throughout a year, and not one spirit was clearly identified or had any manifestation. Nonetheless, the change in him was clear. His whole life he had struggled with lust and anger. He often had bad dreams and would curse himself as a stupid idiot. He felt a great deal of guilt and shame, as well as oppression when at church gatherings. He struggled with gossip and holding double standards. He felt no joy or peace. He confessed his sins, and cancelled any claims that any evil spirits would hold for these sins. He also cancelled in the Name of Jesus Christ all inherited curses that any evil spirits would hold. After doing this, we took authority and commanded any spirit residing in him to admit his presence, but no spirits identified themselves. All he felt was peace.

We spent many sessions going over the truth of his identity in Christ. He learned to take thoughts captive so

he would not be overcome but lust, anger, and guilt. The process was beautiful to watch, as he changed to a person who wanted to stop wasting time and have something more in life. He became more attentive to his wife, more in his church, and wanted to help others in need. Were there demons involved in Mr. KK's situation? I think so, but the issue wasn't the demons. They were mere symptoms of something deeper: a need for the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in him. As Mr. KK humbly submitted himself to God and appropriated the truth in his life, any evil spirits that were with him departed. The fruit of the Holy Spirit's work was evident, and still is. So it isn't always necessary for a confrontation with spirits. Even with the evil spirits gone, it is necessary to have the transforming work of the Living God in the person. Then he or she can live fully in the freedom He has given.

Something to Consider:

Romans 12:1-2—*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ²Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

James 4:7—⁷*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

At times, those who work in ministering to people who are troubled by evil spirits are accused of making everything about evil spirits. Certainly, it is an easy trap to fall into as a deliverance minister. With that in mind, when introducing the work I do, I share that we will investigate the matter. If evil spirits are at work, we will address them. If they are not, we will discuss the truth of the Bible about one's identity in Christ. The reason for this approach is that the evil spirits in and of themselves most times are not the problem. They are symptoms of other issues. If spirits are with a person, we should want them gone. However, the healing, restoration, and life changing work of the Holy Spirit is most important. As one submits and offers himself or herself to God, and renews his or her mind by learning the truth of being in Him, the evil spirits are not really going to want to stay! They may still need to be commanded to go, but the struggle usually isn't as great. Demon focused? No, but if they are there we need humbly submit to God and confront them so they'll flee.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a client who has been battling the forces of darkness on his own. The torment can overwhelm and he needs prayer support.

Please pray for those who were bombarded during the Halloween season to have courage to seek help. From my perspective, this Halloween was one of greater attack by dark forces than the recent past.

Please pray for me for growth in wisdom to help hurting people and continue in ministry.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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