

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

The beauty of fall is here! The leaves are changing colors, the farmers have started to harvest the fields, and days are cooler. Certainly, this is a season I enjoy. Even though it also is a time that evil seems to be more obvious, I pray that it will be a blessed season for you.

Praises:

I praise God for continued progress in some difficult cases. It's evident He is changing lives.

I praise God for the strength He gives to endure the battles. There have been some folks battling for a long time, and it can be exhausting. Nonetheless, He sustains us.

Announcement:

Last month, I noted that now available to purchase online is the book *The Ministry of Dean Hochstetler 1974-2005*. This book is a compilation of case reports, letters, transcriptions of lectures, and writings by Dean Hochstetler. He was an ordained minister in the Mennonite Church for 40 years, and was my main mentor for ministry. You can purchase the book through Amazon (and support LFM) by clicking here: https://smile.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=the+ministry+of+dean+hochstetler&rh=i%3Aaps%2Ck%3Athe+ministry+of+dean+hochstetler. Also, the book can be purchased through Lulu.com. You can click here for that: <https://www.lulu.com/shop/search.ep?keyWords=dean+hochstetler&type=>. Previously, I had to order books and have them printed. Now, you can order them directly!

Short Report:

Ms. FF was struggling deeply with a very low view of herself. Her view of herself persisted, even though she had already addressed many of her personal sins as well as sins of the ancestry with a sound Christian, biblical counselor. She was performance oriented in her life, and didn't feel she could do enough to measure up. Ms. FF was ready to confront any spirits that were troubling her, and came to LFM for help. In the Name of Jesus Christ, we confronted the spirits that were tormenting her. She was able to sense them quickly, as the pressure she felt inside intensified. The first evil spirit that admitted his presence was named Guilt. He was attacking her to make her feel guilty and not good enough. Another spirit, named Lust, admitted his presence. This spirit was actually shared with her husband, as both had generational curses due to sexual sin in their families. The root of the issue, though, was not the demon Guilt or connections to Lust, but two inherited spirits in regard to occult practices, Magic Healing and Sand (water divination was its ground). Her ancestry, especially her great grandparents, had a great deal of involvement in magic healing, water divination, and ordering life by signs and omens. She affirmed that these sins were put on the cross, and the demons admitted they had no more legal right to stay. These four chief demons and any subordinates they had beneath them were then ordered to depart. I invited the Holy Spirit to fill her and bless her with the opposite of what the demons were doing. Also, I asked the Holy Spirit to minister to her and address the matter of her guilt. Following this, the peace was evident on her face as she left with joy.

Something to Consider:

Hebrews 10:22—²² *let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.*

Galatians 5:19-21—¹⁹ *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Exodus 20:5-6—⁵ *You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶ but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

The working of the enemy is seen in the pattern of life for Ms. FF. The demons had gained entry into her family because of the occult practices done generations before her. As Galatians 5 and Exodus 20 show, the occult practices are no different than bowing down to an idol, as it uses demonic power for the practice to work. A generational curse came upon the family, and Ms. FF paid the price. Most likely, the ancestors did these practices in ignorance, not realizing that they were empowered by evil spirits. The demonic realm does not consist of gracious spirits. They are totally evil and take advantage of anything they can.

With their presence there due to the occultism, they tormented Ms. FF with the feelings of low self-worth. To find comfort from these feelings, she was led by the spirits to sexual sin. The sin then only increased her low self-worth and intensified her feelings of guilt. The cycle, or stronghold, only increases as one tries to deal with the problem outside of Jesus Christ. Instead, she turned to Him, and was given good help by a counselor who taught her the truth and helped her to confess the sins of life and ancestry. The only thing left was to confront the spirits. I had the privilege of helping with that, and was able to see her set free! The occultism, the sexual sin, the guilt, and worthlessness all were healed by the Lord Jesus Christ. The enemy had done a tormenting work on her, but He set her free!

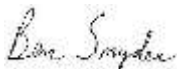
Prayer Concerns:

Please continue to pray for the difficult cases I've noted for a few months. They are indeed, very deep. Much progress has been made, but there is still more work to do.

Please pray for me to have wisdom and discernment, as well as compassion for people. I don't want to become so driven in helping a person to freedom that I forget to care for the person!

Please pray for the Lord's working in our communities in this season.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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