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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

When we turn the calendar to May, a number of thoughts come to mind about the season. Two in particular that stand out are the many blooming flowers that will be seen around Angela's koi pond and Mother's Day. Certainly, I'm blessed to have a good, Christian mother, who is also a terrific grandmother to her grandchildren. I'm very thankful for her, as it's become very apparent how valuable it is to have a caring mother. The Short Report for May will show how detrimental it can be to not have a godly mother. If you are blessed to have, or had, a godly mother, praise God. If you are like the woman in the report below, I encourage you to trust in God to redeem what the enemy has stolen.

Praises:

I praise God for a very productive session with a client who had been afflicted by a number of spirits for years. We were finally able to get to the root of the matter and he was set free.

I praise God for the experience of being able to help a man to saving faith, and then to freedom in Christ from evil spirits that were telling him he was worthless. Most clients who come are already believers, but in this case the man didn't really know who the Lord Jesus is. He did meet Him, and experienced His love and peace.

I praise God for an opportunity for my wife and me to have lunch with a woman who knew Dean Hochstetler, our mentor, many years ago. It was enjoyable to reminisce about him and his ministry.

Short Report:

Ms. QQQ shared that she felt Satan had a target on her back her whole life. She struggled with obsessive thoughts, had paranoid delusions about her husband, and was diagnosed as being bipolar. She also had issues with addictive behavior, needing to overcome alcohol and nicotine. Depression also was an issue for her, especially after having children. Her childhood home was dysfunctional, and from age 8-13, she was so fearful at night, she could only sleep with music. She was sick often as a child as well. When she was eight, her mother overdosed, a very traumatic experience. Once she had an experience of feeling electrocuted by evil spirits. As she got to the young adult years, her lifestyle became more and more wild. She was a stripper, and was sexually promiscuous. She went to an astrologer who told her that she better be careful because she was going to be attacked by the men she dated. The next few boyfriends she had were then very harmful to her. Magic healing through different alternative health care practices was also a part of her life. With all of this her mother told her that she was too sinful to be saved. She felt hatred, was critical and demanding (especially of her husband), and felt that no matter how hard she tried to be good, she failed.

Somehow, she came to saving faith. She came to LFM for help to be free of the strongholds that tormented her life. Ms. QQQ confessed all of these burdens and many more. We confronted the dark spirits and found a number of spirits with her. Addiction, Rage, Exhaustion, and Confusion were inherited from her parents. Two more spirits, Worry and Deception, came in from repeated experiences of being told "no" by her mom without

any consistency. She believed a lie that she needed to be in control, and vowed that she would always be in control. A spirit named Fear had claimed residence with her because of the trauma of being abandoned by her boyfriend. She had believed a lie from that experience that she was easy to abandon. Hatred, Resentment, and Critical were also with her because of her relationship with her mom. Other spirits named Despair, Division, Lies, Deception, Resentment, and Powerlessness were at work to bring problems, especially to her marriage. She also had a spirit attacking her named Illness. All of these spirits were evicted in the name of Jesus. The painful memories were presented to the Lord as well, and He ministered to her. At the following session, she noted that life was better. She was not free of conflict, but was learning about how to interact better with her spouse. With the evil spirits evicted, she was now free to learn and grow in her marriage. Most importantly, she was free to fully live in the Lord Jesus.

Something to Consider:

Luke 13:34—³⁴ "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.

In the passage above, we see the tender heart that Jesus has for people. In fact, the tenderness is even for those who had rejected Him and the Father for generations. His desire would be for all mothers to have the same kind of tender care and compassion for their children. Ms. QQQ is a good example of what can happen when a mother isn't that way. Unfortunately, I meet many people who did not have this kind of care from either their mother or father. It's a very saddening experience to see many lives of pain and ruin because of the cruelty of parents. However, I'm touched by how the Lord Jesus ministers to those who are hurting. He comforts them and shows them truth, as He did Ms. QQQ. Finally, I want to point out that Ms. QQQ was mean, angry, and resentful. She was responding to the hurt in her life. Her actions certainly were not good, but we can have compassion and understanding for her and others like her. Mother's Day can be difficult for people like Ms. QQQ, and I encourage you to give grace to them. Let's remember to point them to Jesus for healing and restoration instead of pointing fingers of condemnation. It's having the same attitude toward them as Jesus did toward those who rejected Him, so share His love with those who are hurting.

Prayer Concerns:

Please continue to pray for a client who is highly persecuted in his mind by spirits. Progress has been made, but many days it's hard to continue to fight.

Please pray for discernment for a client in regard to family relationships. The client is burdened with negative, critical thoughts due to years of poor interactions with a family member.

Please pray for a client to have the courage to face the reality of the pain from abuse during childhood.

Have a Happy Mother's Day!

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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