

Why Freedom Prayer -My testimony- Connie

I have to share a little of my past to help you understand why I am a believer that Freedom Prayer can work for you. As a teenager I made the mistake of listening to the world's lies instead of placing my trust and faith in my creator. The world led me down a path of self-destruction and lies. For many years, I wore a mask that I thought gave the perception of toughness and wisdom. I was probably only lying to myself and became more and more ashamed and condemned. I heard about God's love for us but didn't believe I was worthy of it for myself. I thought I was too far gone to be redeemed by the blood of Christ and lived with that mindset for many years. That's what Satan would have us all believe. My prayer life consisted of "on the go" requests but very little time spent talking with and waiting to hear from God. Most of the time I was just mad at God for events that didn't seem fair in my life and didn't feel I needed to spend lots of quality time in prayer.

In August 2001, I realized I could not stop smoking on my own power, I prayed to God for the first time in many years. He answered that prayer by sending me on a military assignment that made it almost impossible for me to smoke. I haven't smoked since that time. It was the start of my spiritual growth journey that I've been walking ever since.

I can testify that our God is loving and patient gentleman. He never forces himself on us but waits for us to come to him, in faith as he ministers to our hearts and minds and we are transformed by the renewing of our mind. Isn't it amazing that the God that made the universe WANTS to have a relationship with us. He wants to hear all our thoughts, feelings, fears and struggles EVERY DAY! Freedom Prayer helps us to see those truths. John 8:32 says, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

A few years ago God brought to my attention thru a Freedom Prayer experience that I had been carrying a weight most all of my life. I didn't even know it was there because I'd carried it for so long. Not the result of abuse but more neglect in early childhood relationships that led me to feel unworthy and unloved and not good at relationships or communication with others.

During my FP session our loving God reminded me of the relationships from my childhood that started my spiral of defeat. God stepped in and spoke to my heart and showed me where he was during those times. He told me I didn't have to believe those lies and live in the shame and guilt any longer. He had taken all my past and nailed it to the cross for me. Now all I had to do was place my trust in His loving grace to live the rest of my life in freedom. Although I had put my faith and trust in Jesus in 2001, I found it so hard to really TRUST him. The FP session helped me step out boldly in my faith and know that my heavenly Father will provide for my every need.

The Freedom Prayer warriors interceded for me and helped me to understand that we serve a loving God who I CAN put my trust and faith in for ALL things. I was reminded that the blood and shame Jesus bore WAS ENOUGH!

Luke 24:36, Jesus showed up and reminded us that He is in the interruptions of our lives and is always willing and able to bear our burdens and show us HIS TRUTH. The truth that makes us free from the world's lies and gives us his peace. All we have to do is trust Him with our whole heart.

FP allows us to give a voice to those feelings many of us have buried deep long ago. It may help us have the tools or guidance that leads us to lay all our burdens down at the cross and rely on our loving Father to give us HIS peace.

I hope that you will trust our FP teams and give us the opportunity to come beside you in prayer whether you're going thru a hard time or just want to draw closer to our Maker. Let our faith help you become stronger in your faith!

Hebrews 4:16 *"Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."*