

Letter 03b  
**I Was Delivered Once, And Young**  
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Dear Dan,

In 1971 I was twelve years old. The Viet Nam war was in full swing. Hippies were protesting in the streets, and Jesus People were beginning to be saved out of those Hippies. One of the results of so many young people seeking the Lord was the predominance of small group (and not so small group) house churches.

Around this time My mom would attend any number of these house church meetings as often as possible. So it was that one night, I think it may have been a Friday, we were meeting at a house church (U10).

We had attended church there on a weekly basis for a couple months. On this particular night the Holy Spirit was prevalent, so there was a lot of praying, prophesying, and teaching.

At one point during the service I was downstairs with some of the other kids. It was getting too hot in the service and I found it cooler in the basement. While I was still downstairs, the owner of the house and Elder in the church came into the room while he was praying in the Spirit. He looked at me and said these words;

“SPIRIT OF LUST, COME OUT OF HIM”

This Word was spot on because I had recently reached puberty and was getting a lot of assistance in discovering my manhood from an evil spirit whose selfish thoughts of pleasure I found arousing.

It's very likely that the fulfillment of this Word took place two years later in the summer of 1973 when I was being filled with and baptized by Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

My own personal battle with human sexual lust has ebbed and flowed over the years. In the first decade of marriage to my wife, we had the normal fulfillments of marriage. But after my motorcycle accident, and her hysterectomy, bedroom activities for us ceased altogether.

After that, we both had to be as if we were single from a sexual standpoint. But even those losses I can consider as His gain. Somehow Jesus finds value in these matters. So I will still trust in Him in all things.

Blessings...

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