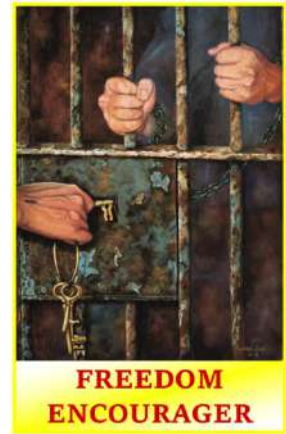


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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 34 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 36 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION



HOW GOD ARRANGED A LASTING LOVE MATCH STRONG ENOUGH TO DESTROY 26 YEARS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

The Vine and the Branches: special words from Jesus in John Chapter 15, vv 1 - 17

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

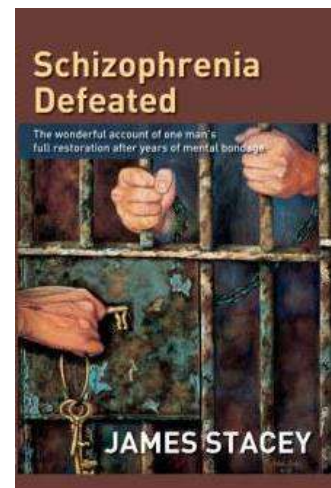
"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. This is my command: Love each other.

"LORD, I AM GOING NO FURTHER THAN BIRMINGHAM"

Chapter 6 of "Schizophrenia Defeated"

Within a year, I was beginning to notice a vast improvement in my condition through working at Sheffield. Philip, now 16, was pressing me to take him on holiday to Majorca in the summer of 1987. I couldn't really afford it without taking out a £300 loan from Girobank, but I felt it was right for us to make the trip.



A few weeks before going, I decided to reduce the frequency of taking injections. It would be no use being on holiday and unable to join him in doing things. Injections sometimes made me feel tired and I didn't want to spoil the break for him by sleeping half the time.

I was pleasantly surprised that the staggering of the injections from every fortnight to three weeks, and then to a month, in the weeks leading up to going did not have an adverse effect. I was thrilled I had the energy to do things in his company. The excitement of driving him on a scooter around the island was a great experience, to say nothing of beating him at tennis!

Returning from the holiday feeling greatly strengthened, I decided to try again with Christian Friendship Fellowship. Pam had lovingly and wisely told me the night before she passed away that I ought to marry again for my sake and for the children's.



Tina and James in love
with each other



Tina's father and stepmother, with James:
Their faithful, unflinching prayers helped me
through to freedom and sustained Tina in
her amazing ministry of the love of Jesus
Christ to me.

Perhaps now was the right time after six years to make another overture. In a short but pointed prayer, I told God one day about the decision, saying, "I'll try again Lord, but I'm going no further than Birmingham." God certainly heard my cry. For it was from Birmingham that He was going to provide help with a deliverance ministry on the pathway to freedom and healing.

I selected Tina's name from an old list which stated her interest in meeting someone with a "regular prayer life". She later told me that during her days of leading the dating agency's group in the Halesowen area of the West Midlands she had met many males who, though interested in a relationship, seemed to lack that requirement. Her few clearly stated lines were meant to ward off anyone less dedicated than that!

The details which appeared on the quarterly handout captured my attention. They said something to the effect: "Christina Winterburn, d.o.b. 1944, born-again Christian, interested in friendship, companionship, possibly marriage, likes cooking, travel, embroidery, Bible study. Requirements: someone with a regular prayer life."

She had relinquished the job of leader of the Halesowen group as she was being swamped by many "agony aunt" calls from women desperate to find someone. She had cancelled her membership altogether and was just another name among many that I had kept from previous years of handouts. She was surprised to receive a call from someone desiring a meeting.

This was pretty evident on the day I phoned. I caught her unprepared, but left brief personal details including my telephone number. She was to mislay these but prayed that if it was right to follow me up, God would bring my name back to mind, which He did. She eventually located me in the phone book, rang me and then we began corresponding.

In her second letter Tina wrote:

"I thought I would let you know more fully my connection with Christian Friendship Fellowship. I am still associated with CFF and receive the lists/news and letters, but for three or four years I haven't written to anyone on the lists. In the first few months when I joined, I did write about half a dozen letters but found the contacts not really committed to Christ.

"So then, I got involved in leading the local group here, but after three years of being at the helm I felt someone else should take over. I handed over the leadership in June this year [1987]. Originally, I joined because I felt isolated as a single person in my church. Also I felt quite lonely (for the first time in my life) and felt the need to venture out of my orbit and make friends.

"I have made some lovely female friends in CFF and been blessed through their friendship. The few males I've met my age have been mainly divorcees with outstanding problems, so I haven't wanted to get involved in any way. Some felt quite hurt because I wouldn't go out with them, but I have always tried to be firm, straight and kind.

"To be honest, when you phoned me at first I felt quite defensive because of previous CFF contacts. I realised you were a definite committed Christian, though, and that kindled an interest, so that is the reason I phoned you back when I returned from holiday. Also, I sensed I had been somewhat abrupt to you when you first phoned me."

I discovered through corresponding that she was a former missionary with Operation Mobilisation in France and India and now worked as a practice nurse. It was a pleasant surprise to be told that her father, Maurice Winterburn, a retired Church of England vicar, had also attended Cliff College like myself. I purposely left out in my letters to her any mention of my mental condition or the numerous visits to psychiatric hospitals, thinking it would jeopardise chances of a lasting relationship.

After writing a few letters to each other, I invited Tina to come to Chesterfield for a day out. Our first meeting went well, starting with a lunch date in the town centre and followed by a visit to the picturesque grounds of Chatsworth House. It was a bright, late autumn day as we walked the spacious grounds, and I soon made up my mind that I liked Tina, and suggested a second date to which she agreed. She returned home to tell her father and stepmother that, to use her own words, she thought she might possibly have met the man she would marry.

It was during our second meeting at Tina's home in Halesowen, just eight miles south west of Birmingham, that she first began to suspect something was not right in my life, though it was too early to detect. Out walking the beautiful Clent Hills, I kept on referring to the many visions I had received over the years, which in reality were nothing but delusions.

To me these so-called visions were as true and as real as could be but, of course, that's just one problem a schizophrenic has. These visions, I told her, were special, unique and important, but the way I spoke made me appear off-balance and a little strange.

We continued meeting at weekends for the next few weeks until she discovered my condition. She phoned my home and was told by my daughter, Alison:

"Dad isn't in because he's gone to the doctor's for his injection."

"An injection for what?" asked Tina.

"For his nerves," Alison replied.

When I later told Tina the injections were either modecate or depixel, two anti-psychotic drugs she herself administered during her work as a practice nurse, she put two and two together and realised that I was suffering from schizophrenia, having shown some major symptoms.

The discovery that I had schizophrenia made Tina have immediate doubts about a lasting relationship. She had treated both Christian and non-Christian schizophrenics and knew there seemed to be no apparent cure. A Christian doctor at the practice where she worked had an interest in psychiatry and he strongly warned her not to get involved with me.

When Tina said to him: "If a person was married to someone with diabetes one could live with that fact," he replied: "There's a great deal of difference in being married to someone with diabetes and someone with schizophrenia. At least you can debate and communicate with a diabetic, but not so with a schizophrenic because his mind is illogical and unpredictable."

Tina was later to tell me: "He was really quite adamant with me not to get involved. He said it would lead to a lot of stress, about which of course he was absolutely right, until you were finally set free and restored."

His advice put lots of doubts into Tina's mind and caused her to decide, rather reluctantly in some ways, to start withdrawing from my life.

I sometimes felt a little uneasy visiting Tina's home knowing that her father, Maurice, the chairman of the long-established League of Prayer movement in the United Kingdom, worked alongside Mr Albert Harper, the secretary, whose prayer meetings I used to attend in Rotherham years before. I once phoned Mr Harper at 4 a.m. while in a disturbed condition, and I just didn't want him to pass that information on to Maurice in case it proved detrimental in my relationship with Tina.

By early January 1988, three months after we first met, she had almost made up her mind "to let me down gently" and disappear from my life. Then something most significant happened in beginning a chain of events leading to a greater involvement with me.

I was off work for six weeks with laryngitis and bronchitis and had received an injection for my nerves. It produced a "high condition" in me made worse by my having fallen in love with Tina. Into this maze of emotions, God spoke to me in my bedroom one night and gave me a real vision. His words were simply these: "Enough is enough," — a word directed to my long mental bondage and the issue of coming of drugs - and I saw in the vision Tina dressed in a bridal gown with her father by her right side.

From that night I came off injections for my nerves (and haven't had cause to return to them). I began to pursue Tina, believing that I had the backing of heaven behind me. But word of my vision didn't impress her. Neither did the bouquet of flowers I sent by Interflora quoting a verse from the Bible about the bride and the bridegroom.

"He's high again, and this is just another vision," she told her dad and Esther.

Soon afterwards I went into the mental hospital for a rest on the advice of my doctor. I wrote a long love letter to Tina in readiness for her visit on a blustery winter's day and told her just how I felt. She sailed into the hospital wearing a long burgundy mackintosh, carrying tangerines in a string bag in one hand and a copy of *All Creatures Great and Small* in the other.

My first words were: "I want you to read what's in this letter because it tells you all that I feel about you. I am deeply in love with you. You understand, don't you?"

While sympathetic with my mental condition, the romantic approach failed to impress, though in my heart of hearts I was as serious as I could be. She bumped into my Pastor, John Humphries, at the hospital and intimated she was going to walk out of my life and let me down gently.

Visiting my bedroom on the ward she saw lined up in the window a row of Christian books, mainly on prayer. She sought to inspire a bit of natural life into me by suggesting I read the book she had brought; but I made it clear that I had no time to read less important books.

I was helped and encouraged by a Christian doctor who advised me to take a new drug called sulperide. But I held on to the vision God had given me and was determined not to take any more drugs. I asserted myself and said to her:

"Whose life is it anyway? I'm all right. I don't want any more tablets."

During the short spell at the hospital, I never took one tablet, although I gave the impression at the

time when they were handed out by the nurse that I swallowed them. I held the tablet at the back of my mouth with my tongue and dropped them down the toilet as soon as she had left the room.

In my feverish enthusiasm I kept ringing Tina from the hospital two or three times a day, causing some alarm by the number and persistency of the calls.

Her father Maurice and stepmother Esther were obviously concerned about her involvement with me. Their Christ-like compassion for me remained steadfast and they also prayed me through several bad patches. There was power being unleashed in my life in response to these prayers, and those from others in various parts of the country, as I received Christ's strength to fight the evil force entrenched in my life.

After discharge from hospital, I needed time off work for the laryngitis and bronchitis to heal. I bombarded Tina with regular despatches of "spiritual gems" from well-known Christian authors, which caused her to write in February, 1988:

"How many secretaries do you employ to send me so many letters?"

I was still head over heels about her, often asking myself why she didn't feel the same way about me. Receiving a letter always brought great encouragement to me, such as the one in February 1988, which said:

"I have been praying much for your continual healing. I believe the Lord has touched you, but sometimes the evidence of healing comes gradually. I was praying very much for you the other afternoon for an hour or so meditating on certain Scriptures. These are the verses that came alive as I was praying for a manifestation of God's healing touch in you:

1. Isaiah 26 verse 3: "You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in You."
2. Hebrews 7 verse 25: ... "Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them!"
3. Psalm 28 verse 7: "The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in Him and I am helped."
4. Philippians 4 verse 7: "And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."
5. Psalm 22 verse 5: "They cried to You and were saved; in You they trusted and were not disappointed."

"As I have been praying for you, specific areas of your life have been major concerns of prayer, e.g. a restoring of a regular sleep pattern (10-11 p.m. - 6 am). I have been led to claim in the area of 'peace'. I want the Lord to continually immerse you in His peace.

"Also, I'm praying in these days you will learn to relax. You told me over the phone that you hadn't been able to really relax for years. So I'm praying that you will learn in these days. I feel you love the Lord 100 per cent and are fully committed to Him, but I sense you may have been spending time in feeding your spirit e.g. prayer/meditation but not enough time in relaxing following natural pursuits such as swimming, sports, hobbies, etc. Now, of course, our priority as Christians is to spend time with the Lord, but we are human and need to enjoy the natural pursuits of life to help keep us balanced. So I hope you don't mind me sharing that!

"The Lord really does love you James and wants you to show His life in the Post Office. You have done in the past, and I feel He will help you in the coming days when you get back and face the same people. I will be coming up on Wednesday and hope to have a long chat. I'm sure we have many things to talk about."

On her next visit, Tina began tidying up my house and was a little frustrated on finding that the electric vacuum cleaner would not work. She told me to get my coat on and put the clapped out appliance in the boot, as she was taking me out to buy a new cleaner. "You can pay me back at £5 a month," she said. She didn't even allow me time to take the plug off the old one, a move I thought at the time was really essential. I only ever gave her one payment as I must have forgotten the arrangement, and she never asked for any money.

No sooner had I returned to work in Sheffield than a major financial crisis put me under considerable pressure. I had accrued a lot of debt from the use of several visa cards from Midland, NatWest and Girobank. Strange to say, I could not put my finger on anything big that had caused me to keep using the plastic card, other than a Girobank loan and hefty telephone bills. I needed to secure a loan in order to clear the remaining balances on these cards.

The weight of owing the money hit me with particular force on top of everything else as I set off for Barclays Bank during my lunch hour to negotiate borrowing £2,000. The repayment amounts were about £55 a month for five years.

When the clerk arranging the details remarked, "That'll make it 1993 before it's paid. Seems a long way off, doesn't it?"

I replied: "It most certainly does."

The details completed, I knew the money would soon be available. This brought a tremendous relief as I walked back to the office from the city centre.

Having fallen in love with Tina brought its emotional stress as well. I felt frustrated that she didn't feel the same for me as I did for her. More progress would obviously have been made had I not had a psychotic illness, but how wise she was to keep me at arm's length at this time. A letter sent in mid-March evoked a reply that brought me up sharp.

She said:

"Thanks for your letter which arrived this morning. Yes, I do believe and am continually aware that you are in love with me. I am not offended at all by what you have written, but I'm a little mystified as to why you feel you need to repeat it from time to time. Do you feel my mind will be changed? The only thing that would change my mind would be if I had the 'go ahead' from the Lord. That has not come and if ever it was God's intention to bring us together then there would have to be definite direction from Him working through and revealing His will through circumstances.

"I am very fond of you James and the more I get to know you the more I like you. I am physically very attracted to you also, but I feel restrained by the Lord in committing myself to you, therefore I have to be disciplined and exercise self-control, which is one fruit of the Holy Spirit. I do believe (but I could be misguided on this point) that the Lord wants me to help you in certain spiritual areas. Generally, I believe it is unwise for a female to help a male through prayerful counselling, but somehow the Lord seems to have laid you on my heart. Also I definitely believe God has given me certain insights into you. I have said to the Lord, 'In many ways James is further on with you Lord than I am, so why are you gently pushing me in prayerful concern for him?'

"There have been no messages/words of Scripture etc., to tell me to carry on searching for answers, but I have sensed intuitively that the Lord is just giving me certain insights into certain struggles and difficult experiences you've had in your life. I can honestly say, I've never had such insights in helping others in the past. When I've prayed about these insights all I can say is that I'm filled with peace, faith and even joy at times, but always peace and faith. So it must be of the Lord. Also when I've been battling in prayer I have felt quite tired, but as soon as I have moved on to a place of victory over your particular difficulties I have immediately felt a release of physical energy. Then I have felt I could move mountains.

"The contents of the last paragraph may sound strange or difficult for you to understand but please do not worry. The Lord is on your side and He is the God of Release and Restoration. There is a lot to talk about, James, and we are going to see more victories won."

Though the first part of the letter had brought me down to earth, so to speak, I became hopeful of things moving ahead between us. Somehow I seemed unable to grasp what Tina was trying to tell me, as I held on to the belief that our relationship was advancing well. I was totally unprepared, however, for the shock just around the corner on a day off in March, when she announced an end to everything.

We are unable to publish at present the full number of verses expressing love sentiments from James to Tina once the Lord Jesus Christ had made it clear they would marry in a special vision of seeing Tina in a bridal gown and her father by her side. However, here is a sample three giving his delight and joy.

"I can't express on this special day
My love for precious you.
If my heart could be unlocked
Its store would surprise you."

"I thought I'd never love again
And feel my heart-strings beat
The way they've done since I met you -
It's been God's special treat.

"God saw me trying to secure
What I could not then discern
Midst mental blues and inward pain
I needed love again."

FOR FURTHER READING: See Weekly Encourager / Freedom Encourager Archive File:

2024 21 & 28 January - The Faith Strategy God Gave Me To Defeat The Destructive Voices Of Schizophrenia

2023 26 November & 3 December - What A Transformation When A Schizophrenic Knows God Is Reviving His Heart

2022 25 September & 2 October - Jesus Christ said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life".
John 14:6

The purpose of bringing out a Freedom Encourager for the past 14 years is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Weekly Encourager files between 2010 and 2023 contain scriptural advice, insight and help designed to give encouragement to those like yourself struggling for long sought-after freedom – so do make use of the facility provided, asking God to reveal His truth to you from the various messages. May He richly provide all you need to bring you out of the prison house of schizophrenia into His most glorious freedom! HE IS ABLE!

Let me no more my comfort draw,
From my frail hold of Thee.
In this alone rejoice with awe,
THY MIGHTY GRASP OF ME!

John Campbell Sharp (1819-1885)

And every virtue we possess,
And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness,
ARE HIS ALONE.

Harriet Auber (1773-1862)

**Not unto us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.**

Psalm 115, verse 1

IF YOU HAVE NEVER INVITED JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, AND WISH TO, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER WITH ALL YOUR HEART: "Lord God Almighty, I approach you in

the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. I know I have sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done. There are so many sinful things I have done. I am truly sorry for the sinfulness in my life, but most of all I acknowledge the sin that separates me from you. I accept the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me and extend the gift of eternal life. Gratefully, I give my life back to you as I now ask you to come into my life. Come in as my Saviour and Lord and cleanse me. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Spirit to defeat the evil spirit of schizophrenia that troubles me. Now you have set my spirit free, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority in the name of Jesus through the power of his blood over the intruding force. I assert your ownership of my life and resist any legal right that the devil seeks to hold over my life and bind up and expel any evil presence. I believe that my mind can be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION
TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL**

I testify to Satan personally as to what the **word** says the **blood** does for me: ¹

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. ²

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. ^{2a}

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. ³

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, *just-as-if-I'd* never sinned. ⁴

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. ⁵

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, by the blood of Jesus. ⁶

Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.

—by Derek Prince

¹ Revelation 12:11
"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." [That is, they testified to what the Word of God says about the **blood of Jesus**.]

² Ephesians 1:7
In Him we have redemption through his **blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace . . .

^{2a} Psalm 107:2
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy . . .

³ 1 John 1:7
But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁴ Romans 5:9
Much more then, having now been justified by His **blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

⁵ Hebrews 13:12
Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own **blood**, suffered outside the gate.

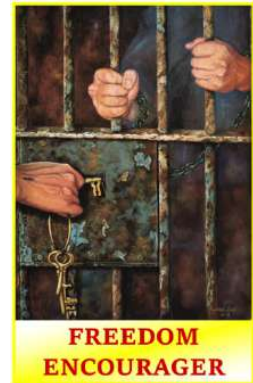
⁶ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Or do you not know that your **body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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9 & 16 FEBRUARY 2025

VALENTINE DAY SPECIAL SHOWING GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS 1 JOHN CHAPTER 3



How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No-one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No-one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, is of the devil because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No-one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

Love One Another

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded you. Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us. We know it by the Spirit he gave us.



**Valentine Day SPECIAL Showing God's
ETERNAL LOVE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**



A LIFETIME VALENTINE AND DELIVERANCE MINISTER ROLLED INTO ONE!

***THE REAL VISION I HAD FROM GOD WAS OF
TINA IN A BRIDAL GOWN!***

When I accepted a friend's suggestion about joining a Christian dating agency, I never realised it would eventually lead to finding a wonderful "Miss Right" and a compassionate intercessor rolled into one.

Struggling to cope with 20 years of diagnosed schizophrenia, I found my membership with Doncaster-based Christian Friendship Fellowship a lifeline of hope. It was the mid-eighties and I had been a widower for just four years.

Although a born-again Christian, who came to know the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 14, I was terribly lonely and still missed the support and care of my late wife Pam, to whom I was married for 14 years. I wasn't looking to marry again, but I desperately wanted friendship to answer the tremendous loneliness and isolation that schizophrenia brings.



I was working as a letters administrator with Royal Mail in Sheffield, and the thought of sitting in front of a warm fire on a cold winter's night, chatting with a variety of female contacts offered some comfort.

After sifting through the quarterly lists of "available ladies", I pursued meeting up with those in easily accessible locations like Stockport, Sheffield, Mansfield and Birmingham, but soon came to the conclusion that these romantically inspired meetings were going nowhere, and so I curtailed all my activity.

I was still on regular, fortnightly injections for schizophrenia and was struggling more and more as the debilitating illness advanced. My main fight centred around a daily confrontation with an evil force within me that was bent on destroying my life.

The exhaustion caused by contending in prayer using God's Word to ward off this 'inner foe' had often resulted in being either sectioned or admitted to the local hospital in Chesterfield. This was no low-key spiritual battle to survive, but one requiring discipline and perseverance in prayer, starting at 5 a.m. before going to work.

I lapsed my membership with CFF for a while, but then in 1987 I decided to try again. I prayed in desperation: "I'll try again, Lord, but I am going no further than Birmingham."

Still perusing old and new A4 lists of eligible women and their brief résumé covering personal details, interests, recreations and desires for friendship, companionship and possible marriage, I stumbled across an unusual entry which hit me right between the eyes.

It read: "Christina Winterburn, d.o.b. 1944, born-again Christian, interested in friendship, companionship, possibly marriage, likes cooking, travel, embroidery, Bible study. Requirement: someone with a regular prayer life."

In no time at all I had made an initial contact, exchanged letters and, wonder of wonders, received the promise of a visit from Tina. She was willing to drive more than 70 miles from the West Midlands to look me over.

Three months later, Tina, a nursing sister, discovered that I was visiting the doctor for an injection of moderate or depixol, the same psychotic medication she administered to patients at her doctor's practice. It was to put it mildly, "a devastating bombshell."

By early January, 1988, Tina had almost made up her mind "to let me down gently", and disappear from my life, when something remarkable happened.



I was off work for six weeks with laryngitis and bronchitis, and had received an extra injection for my nerves. It produced a "high" condition in me, exacerbated by my having fallen in love with Tina. Into this maze of emotions, God spoke to me in my bedroom one night and gave me a real vision.

God's words were simply these: "Enough is enough" - a word directed to my long mental bondage, and in the vision I saw Tina dressed in a bridal gown, with her father by her right side.

From that night on I came off all injections. I had decided never to come off all medication until God told me to - and haven't had cause to return to them. I began to pursue Tina believing that I had the backing of heaven behind me.



GLOBALISM
FAKE AND BIASED NEWS
POLITICALLY CORRECT NEWS
UNREPORTED NEWS

GOOD NEWS!!

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THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN TO EARTH TO SET UP HIS OWN KINGDOM AND WILL REIGN WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE!

GOD WANTS US TO BE READY FOR HIS COMING AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THAT KINGDOM WHEN YOU ASK JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ETERNAL SON, TO FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SIN, WHICH IS PRIDE AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS YOUR SAVIOUR AND LORD. THE DAY YOU ACCEPT HIM INTO YOUR LIFE HE GIVES THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND HIS EVERLASTING PEACE!

WHAT NEXT? BUY A BIBLE FROM ANY BOOKSTORE AND SEARCH THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD FOR US!

DON'T DELAY!
GO FOR IT!

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AT PRESENT?

1. Violence and knife crime is on the increase, particularly in the west.
2. Family breakdown. Civil, ethnic and political unrest.
3. Deception - growing confusion, regarding beliefs and gender identity.
4. Growing belief in Universalism - all religions lead to God and no-one has the monopoly of TRUTH. A move to a one world religion.
5. People are sold into the lie of not giving offence to others, rather than upholding what they believe as truth, hence the rise of Political Correctness.
6. A move towards a One World government. The emergence of 'Deep State' with powerful secret societies, such as 'The Illuminati', manoeuvring across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted - through the irradiation of country borders and nationhood.



7. Federal Reserve. This is a private bank and is not monitored. These bankers want to help control the world and the finance system. They originally took gold from the Americas into the Federal Reserve for safe keeping but never returned it.
8. Famines and unprecedented migration. Earthquakes - more in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries. Many wars across every continent with thousands of innocent people and children killed.
9. Climate change involvement is becoming completely dominant in people's hearts and minds. Some theological students in New York are confessing their sins to plants! A generation is emerging that is worshipping creation rather than God the creator!

WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? QUITE A LOT!

Jesus Christ's first coming was prophesied around 137 times in the Old Testament of the Bible hundreds of years before He was born in Bethlehem. There are over 200 prophecies regarding His Second Coming in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus lived for around 33 years, was then falsely accused and suffered by dying on the Cross outside Jerusalem around 2,000 years ago. There He died for you and me and God's anger for our sin was placed on Him. After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb and three days later came back to life. He went back to heaven but promised to return to earth to take those who love Him to be with Him forever.

Jesus said in Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24, that the following would take place before He returns to the earth:-

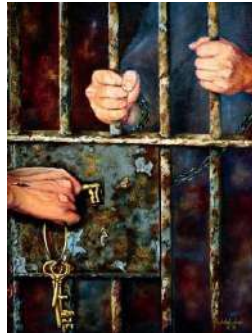
1. False Christs and false prophets will appear.
2. Wars and rumours of wars.
3. Famines and earthquakes which will be like the beginning of labour pains.
4. Those who are followers of Jesus Christ will be hated and even put to death.
5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken." At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn because of Him. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." (Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24:29-30). Why did they mourn? Because they were not prepared for His Coming!
8. Jesus warned His disciples to "keep watch" and to be aware of the times in which we live. He said: "No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." What was characteristic of those days? Violence and wickedness was rife and present in everyone's mind was only evil all the time.

SEE BELOW IN THE PICTURES **BEFORE** AND **AFTER** DELIVERANCE AND HEALING, THE VISIBLE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON MY GREAT DAY OF FREEDOM ON 2nd MAY 1990.



**BEFORE DELIVERANCE
AND HEALING**

showing the strong "gates of brass and bars of iron" behind my eyes and around my mind requiring the power of JESUS CHRIST to defeat.



**THE GATES OF HELL
SHALL NOT PREVAIL**

by Rebekah Laue of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, U.S.A.



**AFTER DELIVERANCE
AND HEALING**

picture taken at 6.15 a.m. at Derby Station 5 days after Jesus set me free - on my way to show Tina "her new man."

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION by Derek Prince

NO WEAPON that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue which rises against me in judgement I do condemn. This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking harm or evil to me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them. Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord." *

NOW I DECLARE, O Lord, that You and You alone are my God, and besides You there is no other – a just God and a Saviour, the Father, the Son and the Spirit – and I worship You!

I SUBMIT myself afresh to You in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs. I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me. I do not submit! I resist him, drive him from me and exclude him from me in the Name of Jesus. Specifically I reject and repel: infirmity, pain, infection, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, and every form of witchcraft.

FINALLY, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things:** exaltation, health, reproductiveness, prosperity, victory and God's favour. AMEN

*see Matthew 5: 43-45; Romans 12:14

**see Galatians 3:13-14; Genesis 24:1

We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your spirit, and so equip you in your fight for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of JESUS CHRIST.

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labour and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4: 9-10

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." John 8: 49-51

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity...” Jeremiah 29: 11-14 part).

You may be reading the Freedom Encourager for the first time and have stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or every week you visit F.E. for encouragement and help to overcome this “monster” of mental illnesses and have been given REAL HOPE that the Lord Jesus is the only One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all time. We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice as we continue to point to Jesus who is well-trying and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website www.schizophreniadefeated.com seeks to magnify the dear Son of God who left the courts of heaven to come to our world and die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem over 2,000 years ago. In that sacrifice, he paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine and on the third day rose again as “The Resurrection and the Life”. He releases TODAY into your life and to anyone accepting his sacrifice, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit. Why not invite him into your life right now? It’s a life-transforming experience that you CAN REALLY KNOW – which is well able to defeat and conquer the hell of schizophrenia you struggle with, for good!

"I will proclaim your mighty acts, O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals

