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Weekly Encourager - 16 December 2012

Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 23rd year of freedom and nearly 25 years off all medication - thanks to Jesus

JESUS SAYS: "I WILL GIVE YOU MY POWER TO LOVE THE WAY I LOVE."

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW
CHAPTER 1: Key verses 18-25: (The Birth of Jesus
Christ)**

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.



It may seem difficult for you to celebrate Christmas knowing that the bondage of schizophrenia has still to be conquered in your life. But, remember, we are in a season of HOPE and a special time to build and renew faith in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, whose love and power alone can set you completely free.

Take hold afresh of Jesus at this time and continue to keep faith in Him. Receive hope and encouragement that His life can so invade yours so as to enable you to pierce and defeat all the spiritual darkness you face and struggle with at present.

I want to call out and beckon you on in your pursuit to be free. I lift up JESUS CHRIST, KING of Kings and LORD of Lords, to you as we end 2012 and assure you that the New Year is going to be gloriously different if only you chose to face it with Christ.

With living, active, conscious faith in Jesus, He will come in power to defeat schizophrenia in your life. Faith is spiritual power. It can drive out demons and all spiritual darkness. Taking control of your life with Jesus at the helm will see it happen. Be assured!!

No longer say: "This new year is going to be just the same as all the others that have gone before." Faith looks at impossibilities and cries it shall be done!! God in Christ has a plan for your life. It embraces a hope and a future so gloriously real all stemming from the fact that Jesus came into our world. He came knowing that He had to die for the whole human race to obtain for each one of us forgiveness of sin, the destruction of all the works of the devil and so bring "many sons unto glory."

I send out a MESSAGE OF HOPE because there was a time when I was "cabbined, cribbed and confined" in the same prison of schizophrenia you are now in. It lasted 26 years, more than a third of a

lifetime. But on a memorable May Day in 1990 the love and power of Jesus broke every chain around my life. It resembled the same way, when as a boy of 14 the convicting power of the Holy Spirit gripped me and I experienced the greatest liberation day that anyone can enjoy. This time, I boldly claimed the authority of Jesus over every invading spirit and they felt God's zeal of heat in my opposition against them. For nearly 23 years I have been FREE and KEPT FREE by the power of Jesus who has the strong power also to set YOU free. I came off all medication 25 years next month. Yes, I encourage you with a firm encouragement and hope that Jesus can do it for you TOO.

The way out of schizophrenia is a steep climb, and it does the heart good to have somebody "call back" and cheerily beckon you on up the high hill. You who are struggling with this deep bondage, let me say, I join in your prayers and heart-felt longings to help you get out into Christ's freedom. I encourage you to take hold of the mighty love and power of Jesus Christ - and at this Christmas season "CALL BACK" to you to say "KEEP CLOSE TO HIM, PERSEVERE IN PRAYER AND FAITH AND YOU WILL SEE HIS MIGHTY POWER SET YOU FREE".

If you have gone a little way ahead of me, call back – 'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track; And if, perchance, Faith's light is dim, because the oil is low, Your call will guide my lagging course as wearily I go.

Call back, and tell me that He went with you into the storm; Call back, and say He kept you when the forest's roots were torn; That, when the heavens thunder and the earthquake shook the hill, He bore you up and held you where the very air was still.

Oh, friend, call back, and tell me for I cannot see your face; They say it glows with triumph, and your feet bound in the race; But there are mists between us and my spirit eyes are dim, And I cannot see the glory, though I long for word of Him.

But if you'll say He heard you when your prayer was but a cry, And if you'll say He saw you through the night's sin-darkened sky – If you have gone a little way ahead, oh, friend, call back – 'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track.

I often think about the length of time Jesus kept me inside the prison of schizophrenia. He could have brought me out after five years, or ten, or twenty – but 26 years is a long, long time. Jesus Christ always knows what He is doing. He could have brought me out sooner, but He chose to lead me out into freedom in His time. I am quite happy in submitting to His way of doing things. It's always the best. If He can get more glory to His wonderful, matchless Name by my serving a longer prison sentence, then I am happy to yield to His plans.

When His faithfulness and love surround you, you cannot fail. Yielding to His will always bears the greatest fruit!!

Have the most joyous Christmas of all with Christ living and reigning in your heart and life.

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012: 9 September - Falling Madly In Love With Jesus Defeats The Madness Of Schizophrenia

2011: 12 June - Let The Power Of Pentecost Fill You In Your Desire To Be Free

2010: 5 September - The Power Of God's Love Setting A Schizophrenic Totally Free

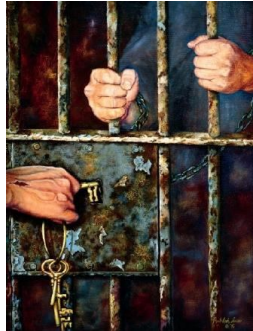
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus took all my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own and after three days He rose again from the dead and now makes intercession for me. By the power of His shed blood, I

believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light and power of your conquering Holy Spirit's presence. I want to know the reality of the promise Jesus made that whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me, as I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the "gates of brass and bars of iron" around my mind requiring the power of Jesus to shatter once and for all.



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 Railway Station five days after Jesus set me free, on my way to show Tina "her new man"

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 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 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.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1: 7-8

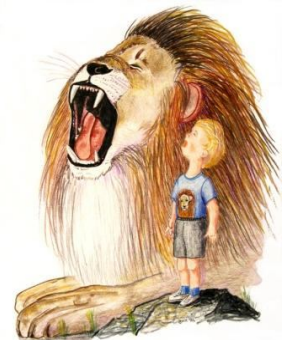
This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know he hears us –whatever we ask – we know we have what we asked of him. 1 John 1: 5: 15

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8: 31-32

The Weekly Encourager

23 and 30 December: Jesus Christ is The Way, The Truth and The Life

You may be reading the Weekly 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 W.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-tried 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