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Weekly Encourager - 6 January 2013

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 IS YOUR FREEDOM OUT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA INTO HIS FULLNESS OF LIFE

### THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ROMANS CHAPTER 8

Verses 18-39: *Future Glory*: I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.



We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

#### More Than Conquerors

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of God? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger of sword. As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

What better time than at the start of a New Year to remind oneself that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ solves impossible situations.

As you step out into 2013 put your trust in an unfailing God and be determined to prove His faithfulness in your life. Let God know you will obey his words, seek His face with all your heart and then you will know His graciousness poured out upon you according to His promise (Psalm 119:57-58).

I marvel every January that the faithfulness of the Word of God has kept me free of all medications for the past 25 years ever since He spoke directly to end their use.

Add to that the unmistakable fact of the delivering and healing power of God which conquered the bondage of schizophrenia nearly 23 years ago – then you have evidence of the possibilities of prayer established by the facts and history of prayer.

“Facts are stubborn things. Facts are the true things. They cannot be ignored”, wrote a mighty intercessor. God delights to establish His mighty acts in our lives and gain testimony from us that gives Him all the glory.

We do well to ponder the Omnipotent power of God who is committed to us through trusting his Son Jesus Christ. Are you expecting God to work for you TODAY and during the year ahead? Living, active, conscious faith “laughs at impossibilities and cries ‘it shall be done’”.

This year, if faced with believing faith in Jesus, can be different to every other year of your life. Schizophrenia may have ravaged many of your years but take heart that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is well able to lead you out into His freedom.

It's faith in God and His promises that wins the day. Jesus says to you right now: “Everything is possible to him that believes.” He spoke these words in Mark 9 to the father of a distressed boy brought for healing. “But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us,” the father pleaded. God loves to reward faith. When faith burns within your spirit aided and inspired by the Holy Spirit you know you cannot rest until the matter you have set your heart on is answered.

A spark of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ can rise in your heart today and break out into a mighty fire that finally results in you defeating schizophrenia once and for all by the power of God. Your whole outlook about your mental condition CAN CHANGE in a moment of time once the power of the Word of God grips you and the promise burning in your life is never lost out of sight.

Progress in matters of faith is often slow progress. To come from a position where you are not resting on the promises of God at all to believing them wholeheartedly is not made overnight. Seeing the importance of having a real life of faith in God has to “grow on you”. It may follow questions to the Lord: “How do I abide in you? How do I live in you?” Do not minimise the progress you make – all progress is valuable. Even a short space of a month or two can see significant steps being made. Were you to have Christians surrounding you with their prayers to see you moving forward to freedom – then what a tremendous input and help that would be!!

God has the very best life in store for you and it is high time to arise from the lowlands of existence into His glorious inheritance. All can change because Jesus Christ is the Mighty Victor and Lord who did come to set the captives free. Schizophrenia is such an embroiled and strong bondage, but it is not too big for the Lord of glory to shatter, destroy and overcome. Begin to believe that the God in whom you believe is greater than any problem, condition, or difficulty.

We used to sing in the Pentecostal church: “Got any rivers you think are uncrossable, Got any mountains you can't tunnel through. God specializes in things thought impossible. He can do what no other can do.” How true!! Once we build up a testimony in our lives that speaks out those truths, we are ready and willing to take on more exploits for God knowing that He alone can make them happen.

Pin your hopes on God TODAY. If you have never immersed yourself in the promises of the Word of God found in the Bible, your faith has been starved of the power to move it into action. It's when you realise that God in Christ is speaking to you that a thunderbolt of truth is deposited into your spirit and the change begins. When the grace of the Lord Jesus meets up with faith in your heart, a powerful molten-moment is set alive. Jesus said: "Don't you believe that I am in the Father and that the Father is in me? The words I speak to you are just my own. Rather, it is the Father living in me, who is doing His work." John 14:10.

Nothing could be greater in life than for us to know who the Lord God Almighty is and how He has revealed Himself to us and the world through his One and Only True Son, Jesus Christ. As the late Stanley Jones put it: "If all this about Jesus Christ is not true, it doesn't matter but if it is true then nothing else matters."

There is a life in God "where all is peace and perfect rest" – a life where God has come to live and you believe that "this is life to know you and the power of your resurrection." At the moment, you may feel some distance from the life you want to have because the "presence" of schizophrenia which has yet to be defeated in your life. It may seem an impossible change that has to take place, but again be reminded that we are declaring that with Jesus Christ NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE. He will not fail you or forsake you. His resources for every day of your life will remain the same.

So take heart during 2013. Keep faith in the Lord Jesus Christ whom you love. Maintain contact with Him from day to day and believe the promises of the Word of God. You will prove the faithfulness of God's promises and live to enjoy the day where your present bondage is truly a thing of the past and each new day God brings is one in which you are enjoying the fullness of His life and spending your hours living for His glory.

*See how great a flame aspires,  
Kindled by a spark of grace!  
Jesu's love the nations fires,  
Sets the kingdoms on a blaze.  
To bring fire on earth He came;  
Kindled in some hearts it is;  
O that all might catch the flame,  
All partake the glorious bliss!*

*When He first the work begun,  
Small and feeble was His day;  
Now the word doth swiftly run,  
Now it wins its widening way;  
More and more it spreads and grows  
Ever mighty to prevail;  
Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows,  
Shakes the trembling gates of hell.*

*Sons of God, your Saviour praise!  
He the door hath opened wide;  
He hath given the word of grace,  
Jesu's word is glorified;  
Jesus, mighty to redeem,  
He along the work hath wrought;  
Worthy is the work of Him,  
Him who spake a world from nought.*

*Saw ye not the cloud arise,  
Little as a human hand?  
Now it spreads along the skies,  
Hangs o'er all the thirsty land;*

*Lo! the promise of a shower  
Drops already from above;  
But the Lord will shortly pour  
All the Spirit of His love!*

*by Charles Wesley 1707-88*

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**FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:**

**2012:** 22 April – It's Real Hope Jesus Gives In Defeating Schizophrenia

**2011:** 4 December – Tell It Out To The World "Jesus Christ Has Defeated Schizophrenia"

**2010:** 3 January – This Year Could Be Your Time To Be Delivered Of Schizophrenia

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*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.*

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**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"

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*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.*

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## **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

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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.

Jesus replied, “If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me. Though you do not know him, I know him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced at the thought of seeing my day; he saw it and was glad. “You are not yet fifty years old,” the Jews said to him, “and you have seen Abraham!” “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “before Abraham was born, I am!” At this, they picked up stones to stone him, but Jesus hid himself, slipping away from the temple grounds. John 8: 54-59

Your word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens. Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures. Your laws endure to this day, for all things serve you. Psalm 119: 89-91

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Romans 8: 9-11

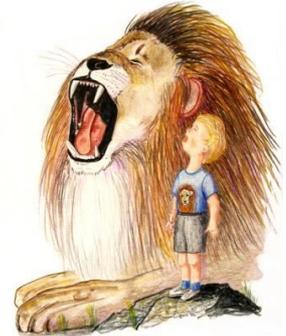
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## The Weekly Encourager

13 January 2013 - God's Grace Is Sufficient To Both Sustain and Quicken You Into Freedom

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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-versed and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website [www.schizophreniadefeated.com](http://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*