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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James STACEY NOW IN HIS 27TH YEAR OF FREEDOM - OVER 28 YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO JESUS CHRIST.

“WHEN I FOUND FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA, I GAINED CHRIST HIMSELF” – Bethany Behney

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE CHAPTER 9

Verses 37-43: The Healing of a Boy with an Evil Spirit: The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him. A man in the crowd called out. “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth. It scarcely ever leaves him and is destroying him. I begged your disciples to drive it out, but they could not.”

“O unbelieving and perverse generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you and put up with you? Bring your son here.” Even while the boy was coming, the demon threw him to the ground in a convulsion. But Jesus rebuked the evil spirit, healed the boy and gave him back to his father. And they were all amazed at the greatness of God.



I suffered for a very long time from severe schizophrenia. I recently turned 28. My world began to unravel in college. With an incapacitated mind I was forced to quit. From the age of nineteen to twenty-four off and on I would lose and regain my life fighting for my sanity. I fought for two-and-a-half years until I was finally delivered by Jesus Christ our Messiah on July 25, 2009.

The hell I endured to freedom was no easy road. Everyone forsook me. Everyone. Including the church. There was only one that never deserted me. And that was Jesus. He held me all the way through. Even when I was hospitalized and the demons put me in a coma and was left for dead!! When I didn't want to live anymore, God wanted me to live and refused to let me go.

Schizophrenia is a hellish thing. Only those of us who have been in its grip can truly understand one another. It cost me my livelihood and relationships. As I was searching and crying out to God for help, close friends ultimately gave up on me, of whom were “believers”. I dealt with constant misunderstandings. I faced character defamation, gossip from an entire congregation, abandonment and false judgements by those who claim they understood but were dead wrong. But I kept crying out to God. I kept pleading with Him to reveal what was happening. It is surreal to practically lose your mind overnight and now know why.

Despite the disturbance I grew close to the Lord. This of course stirred up spirits that had rights tied to my generational line. You see, schizophrenia is usually passed down the line from the sins of the father. It takes a fiery persistence to continue offering up prayers and banging on the doors of heaven until the angel tips the bowls. If you ask the Father, shall He give you a stone? Absolutely not.

I kept banging and asking, and banging and asking until He answered and opened the door. The inferno of psyche was so unbelievably torturous it was uncanny. Quite honestly, I did not want to make it through. To be martyred would have been sweet. And I do not say that lightly.

I was on a run for my very life from Satan and his hordes. The battle to get free was so intense, medically speaking I should not be alive. But Hallelujah! We who have been adopted by the precious blood of Jesus do not belong to the medical field – we belong to Jesus Christ of Nazareth! I am a walking miracle, dear ones!! I searched high and low for someone who cared enough to fight for me and with me. Brethren of three years deserted me and left me for dead. Literally. Then Brethren took me and prayed for me in their home the first time I met them.

For two-and-a-half-years, I stared hell in the face. I had to bite the bullet in many crippling situations and go from place to place receiving deliverance here and there because I was such a mess; people who were practising deliverance thought I must have done something so bad that they didn't want to touch me.

I was tortured in the psychiatric units by physicians of whom I am certain were Satanists. I was locked into solitary confinement in a cold square space with nothing but a flimsy hospital frock on. However, angels were assigned from heaven and I was supernaturally delivered out of the hands of the wicked.

What got me through all of this? It's a simple answer. I held on tightly to the robe of Jesus. Though I wanted to go to heaven, I couldn't. It wasn't my time. I was given a promise from God that gave me the will to live. He promised if I would just hold on He would give me a family, that which I never had – and wanted. So I refused to give up and give in to Satan and fought for it.

This is the point, dear friends. The blood of Jesus Christ is alive and powerful. It is sufficient and doesn't need any medical tweaking. It is your only hope. Don't give up. You know why? Because of this glorious truth and one of my favorite passages... "And having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it!" Colossians 2:15. Oh, hallelujah! All glory to the Lamb of God who overcame the enemy and bought us back! How sweet is His victory! He is always steps ahead of our enemies plans and there is nothing He does not see. He is in total control. He sees you and your pain. He has not forgotten you.

Listen! I can honestly say, I have suffered the loss of all things. In every area. There are moments I can't bear to think of all that's happened to me. Time being the most invaluable. I never got to be 18,20,21,22,23,24. Formidable years. Time froze and stood still and many years I don't remember. But one thing I do and will continue to set before me. This world is not my home and I must press forward with what remains and fight for others. I have resolved to forget what lies behind and press onward.

"I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own yet; but one thing I do it is my one aspiration; forgetting what lies behind and straining to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the supreme and heavenly prize to which God in Christ Jesus is calling us upward. Philippians 3:13-14.

I trust the Lord with the entirety of my life. Whether I live or whether I die, I am His. He has delivered me from the power of darkness and translated me into His glorious kingdom of light. I am forever indebted to Him and tears well up as I write to you because I know that what He has done for me He can do for you. He is no respecter of persons and loves his children all the same.



Bethany jumping for joy after being set free by Jesus from schizophrenia.

I thank our Father for everything. I would not want to do it again, but what I have gained from the vestibules of heaven can never compare to any earthly thing. For what have I gained? Christ Himself! I have been set free from death and sin! GLORY.. GLORY..GLORY!!! I could never have gained such intimacy with Jesus - wisdom, knowledge, and understanding I now possess. Such are the acquired gems which only suffering can buy.



Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy. I will fight against Satan in the strength of Jesus with all I have until my last breath for what he did to me - and because I have pledged myself to heaven. Keep your head up and look up for our redemption is drawing nigh and is closer than it has ever been. If I can do it, you can do it. I had no money, no support. And I am alive and free ... completely free! ***“They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony”, Revelation 12:11.*** Jesus Christ alone is your source and He is never empty. He will never let you go. I send you my love. Even so come Lord Jesus! Amen.

In Jesus

Bethany Behney

FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File

2012: 1 April – Enforce The Victory Of Jesus On Calvary By Prayer Warfare

2011: 16 Oct – The Faith By Which You See Christ Inspires Hope To Conquer And Love To Endure

2010: 7 Nov – Every Schizophrenic Needs To Know The Transforming Love Of Jesus

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.

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 in May 1990.



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.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name for ever. For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave. Psalm 86:11 -13

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-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