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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 24th year of freedom and 25 years off all medication - thanks to Jesus

PERSEVERING IN FAITH TO THE END

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 18

The Parable of the Persistent Widow: (Verses 1-8) Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"



As I read again today a message requesting an article of encouragement to those battling schizophrenia, I saw how fitting the choice of this title would be – *Persevering In Faith To the End*. Perseverance is a must throughout life for all believers in Christ Jesus. We are living in perilous times but the light of Christ is brighter than any darkness we may encounter, including schizophrenia.

I battled schizophrenia for years. There were many more times than not when I just wanted to give up the ghost and die. The pain and agony was simply uncanny – and frankly more than I could bear. I despaired of life itself. After awakening in the hospital due to a horrible psychotic episode, I did not want to fight through to recovery. My medical report said that while I was unconscious I stated that I wanted to go home to be with the Lord. And believe me ... I wanted that more than anything. But it was not my time.

I am a simple person in that I choose not to make life more difficult than it already is. Simplicity also applies to my relationship with the Father. So I follow Him based on what I can simply give in obedience to His commands. I had a need to persevere because that is what is required of me of God. I do not make light of it. I know how trying and despairing it can be. But what sat before me and stared me in the face was hell itself. I had to fight for my soul through the grace of Jesus because that is what He commands me to do. We are told to work out our salvation. Demons were either going to take me out, or I was going to take them out in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

All this happened while remembering that Jesus Christ shed his blood for me. That is extreme. He shed His blood for each one of us to bring us back to the Father completely one day but also to give us life abundantly here and now. I had to persevere because I was given a promise from the Lord. He spoke something into my spirit that gave me the strength to go on. To fight through! I needed a reason to live - something to reach for. Maybe that is what you are saying to yourself today. Or it could be: "What's the

point? Why can't I just give up. What is the reason to go on?" I feel that way now sometimes even living in my new freedom. The devil loves to throw me a punch saying 'all that suffering was in vain'. So I punch him right back quoting the living word of God.

Maybe you need to hear the still small voice of the Holy Spirit in your spirit to encourage you to keep going. Maybe you just need an arm wrapped around you to give some comfort. I pray whatever the circumstance maybe that you allow the GOD of all comfort to hold you up by His mighty right hand and give you peace. The reason to live, the reason to hold on is because Jesus is worthy of it.

I had to persevere because it was the biggest trial of my faith. I was tested to the extreme. I was stretched beyond my imagination. I had to endure because I would not accept the devil's lies. I had to persevere because I refused to let the devil win in my life. I had to make a resolve that Jesus was enough. That He was big enough to carry me through. I had to persevere so that... when I have done the will of God I will receive what He has promised (Hebrews 10:36) . And so do you.

If I can make it, you can make it. You have my word on that. I was "a throw-away the key" hopeless case. Nothing is too big for our God. It's just hard for us to see that at times. Keep your head up dear friends. Our salvation is nearer than ever before.

Jesus said: " ... but he who stands firm to the end will be saved." (Matthew 24:13) Even so come Lord Jesus! Shalom.

Blessings,

Bethany

Read Bethany's testimony of being delivered from schizophrenia at www.schizophreniadefeated.com

Quote by the late Alexander Whyte D.D. of Scotland: "The very thing that has caused your whole head to be sick, and your whole heart to be faint, - hitherto unanswered prayer, answered or unanswered, pray you on. The answer is not your business. It is importunate and unfainting prayer that is your only business. And, always, more and more importunate and unfainting prayer... In plain words, when you faint in prayer for a holy heart continue all the more instant in that prayer. Pray always for a holy heart, with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watch thereunto with all perseverance. The next time you feel your heart ready to faint in that kind of prayer, call to mind Who says this to you, and where He says it. This, that men ought always to pray against this adversary, and not to faint.

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012: 23 Sept – "I Greatly Admire Schizophrenics Pressing Through To Full Freedom"

2011: 23 Oct – *Persevere In Faith, Prayer And God's Word Drives Out The Demon of Schizophrenia*

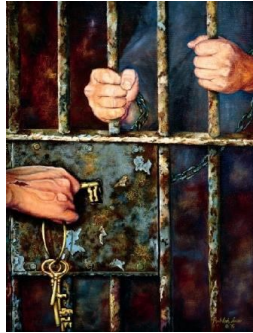
2010: 11 July – *The Day You Can't Go On Any Longer, Jesus Sets You Free*

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.

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

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God. Psalm 43:5

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. Mark 10:51-52

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