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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 30 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 32 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

HOW TINA GOT THROUGH NEARLY 29 YEARS OF MARRIAGE – AND JOYFULLY SURVIVED – AFTER MY HEALING OF 26 YEARS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

Praising God For His Faithful Love, Unfailing Grace and Keeping Power

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS 1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 13

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection, then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part, then shall I know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain, faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Just over 17 months after being delivered and healed of schizophrenia by Jesus Christ, I married Tina whose efforts to organise a prayer force on my behalf was marvellously rewarded.

She witnessed such a remarkable change in my life since the breakthrough into freedom on May Day 1990 that it was only a matter of time before we fixed the wedding day.

Though dramatically set free of schizophrenia after a 26-year-long battle, life was not all plain sailing without difficulties arising – but when you think of the length of time my personality had been disintegrated by demonic foes then there is little wonder.

Just consider that for more than a third of a lifetime, I had been deprived of the enjoyment of natural life because the nest of spirits (schizophrenia, religious and suicide) had robbed me of that pleasure and many more.

When Jesus Christ assisted me in driving out those spirits and minutes later penetrated the inner core of my mind with His healing presence, it was not the end of restoration but only the beginning.

What happened on the evening of that Bank Holiday was simply this – my deliverance meant the end of demonic onslaught which had laboured vigorously to disintegrate my personality and bring destruction, and the healing secured was the freeing of mind, will and emotions enabling me to move forward in obtaining wholeness in my life.

Hard to believe, it took 12 more years after deliverance and healing to fully regain the total normalcy of living enjoyed before the demonic bondage swept into my life. I had to continually co-operate with God the Holy Spirit in abandoning thought patterns and ways that a strong religious spirit had built into my life for so long.

New life in God was being imparted gradually as I started to live in a fulfilling and new way. As I yearned for fellowship with God in daily life and began to discover the preciousness of communion through the Holy Spirit, the restoration of wholeness became established.

By the time we married in October 1991, I had regained more natural strength, though Tina failed to see the evidence she wanted of my having returned to normal life sooner than I did. This caused her frustration. I had been delivered and healed without doubt, but where was the much-needed evidence to show the mighty work God had really done?

We both realised that my healing was going to be progressive, with restoration coming gradually as my mind received strength. I thought that in the same way a person's body takes time to recover from major surgery, so my mind, which had suffered prolonged intensive onslaught for 26 years, needed time to be fully restored. The healing started on May Day would need to continue and my personal freedom become more enlarged.

I was again cast on God for the wisdom of His grace at each and every turn. The wonder began to dawn on me that over my long illness I had been able to keep a job down, whereas a large majority of schizophrenics are unable to stir themselves to work, let alone remain constantly employed. I had done that for long years, even when facing additional trauma caused by the terminal illness suffered by Pam, my first wife.

If asked how Tina survived nearly 29 years of marriage following healing, I would pay the following tribute to her. Firstly, she was very patient in times of difficulty as I struggled to return to normal life; secondly, she was committed to seeing that we never allowed unnecessary shadows to remain in our relationship; thirdly, she believed that the Lord Jesus who had started a good work in me would continue and complete it for His name's sake.

I realise how fortunate I have been in being led by the Lord Jesus to know Tina and to discover that she was His provision for my life. How God engineered circumstances in bringing us together through a Christian Dating Agency of all things was quite remarkable. How He gave me a real vision of Tina in a bridal gown at a time I was not even ready for marriage, and turned everything around on the day she determined to make it our final meeting, was such a great triumph.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ can only enable us to love and feel compassion in a special way – and I know that Tina has allowed the life of the Holy Spirit to flow out to me in the nitty-gritty of married life. We have seen the need to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace – even in difficult times – and have always sought to come through crises with a right and proper understanding of how God would govern our attitude and behaviour. When we tried one

another to the limits, we have always finished up before the Lord Jesus getting totally sorted and restored.

Some reading this Weekly Encourager may feel lonely as they seek to cope with schizophrenia and often wish they had an understanding wife or husband – or even a close friend – to support them in their ups and downs brought by mental challenges. May I suggest that you take this and every need to the Lord Jesus Christ in prayer and ask Him to send someone alongside you who is genuinely concerned about you and wants to show His love to you.

I know it is immensely difficult in struggling through to freedom in Christ, but often the start of that wonderful breakthrough comes through knowing the friendship and help of another Christian. Why not speak to God today about bringing into your life the presence of such a friend.

Freedom from schizophrenia all started when Tina got relatives and friends praying for me. God quickened and enlarged those prayers in wonderful ways resulting in my ability to pray in the power of the Holy Spirit. (see Romans 8:26-27). You too can be quickened in the life of the Spirit through other Christians praying and loving you – leading to the precious experience of knowing the freedom of Jesus from the bondage of schizophrenia.



Up-to-date picture of Tina working out on the exercise bike



Tina and James posing in their newly decorated kitchen (expertly done by a friend)

FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2019 15 September – Never Minimise The Prayers Of Others Helping You Defeat Schizophrenia

2018 17 June – A Strong Devotional Life With Jesus Christ Releases Power To Defeat Schizophrenia

2017 14 May – Discover The Preciousness Of Faith In Your Pursuit Of Freedom

Reading the above Weekly Encouragers will impress upon you the need to have two issues in your favour to DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA – the blessing of having fellow Christians praying for you and your personal breakthrough into the life of the power of the Holy Spirit through discovering living, active and conscious faith in your wonderful Saviour and Lord, JESUS CHRIST.

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 20 SEPTEMBER 2020:

“THIS ONE THING I KNOW – JESU’S LOVE NEVER FAILED ME YET!”

THIS WEEK’S SELECTED BIBLE READING: JOHN CHAPTER 15

The Vine and the Branches: (Jesus said) “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, and I will 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 a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is 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 your wish, and it will be given 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 obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed 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, that he lay down his life for his 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 to go and bear fruit –fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command. Love each other.

The World Hates the Disciples: If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me. If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin. He who hates me hates my Father as well. If I had not done among them what no-one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father. But this is to fulfil what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’

“When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

There’s a widespread failure to cope in life because of trusting in your own strength and ability to get you through instead of relying on the resources provided by God through His amazing love.

Every genuine born-again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should know “the light yoke and the easy burden” received from God’s Son as they face the challenges of life armed with such supernatural love.

Give fresh thought to the one thing that really matters in life – *“for God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* (John 3:16)

Out of sheer devotion to Jesus, pour out an offering of worship and praise and you will soon be “lost” in His precious love. It’s a great way in which to start the day – sitting at the feet of the One who is worthy to receive our heart’s affection.

Caught up with this theme of Christ’s love, I found myself this week thinking of an ‘old’ favourite hymn whose first verse says: “O the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast unmeasured boundless free! Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me. Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love; Leading onward, leading homeward, to my glorious rest above.”

The final verse continues: “O the deep, deep love of Jesus, Love of every love the best: ‘Tis an ocean vast of blessing, ‘tis a haven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Jesus, ‘Tis a heaven of heavens to me; And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.”

REMIND YOURSELF OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. THE LOVE OF GOD IS ETERNAL
2. THE LOVE OF GOD IS POWERFUL
3. THE LOVE OF GOD IS FAITHFUL

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 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.

Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." John 12:35-36

Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself. 2 Timothy 2: 11-13

The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and evermore. Psalm 121:5-8

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