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The Weekly Encourager - 16 and 23 March 2014

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 26 YEARS OFF ALL MEDICATION - thanks to Jesus.

## **BECOMING FREE ENDS ALL THE GRIEF YOU SUFFERED WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA**

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS  
JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 6: JESUS THE BREAD  
OF LIFE: Key Verses 32-58:**

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."



Then Jesus declared. "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise up at the last day."

At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

"Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered. "No-one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No-one has seen the Father except the one who is from God: only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you can eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

The dawning of schizophrenia is a major onslaught with devastating results. Not only is the quality of life drastically affected but a person's freedom is severely assaulted.

While the psychiatric world are content to describe schizophrenia merely as "a mental disorder" and leave it there, Christians with spiritual insight know there is a dark, evil presence behind such a real bondage.

You are aware of these facts if facing life's unpredictable upheaval every day - but as a Christian believing in the power of the risen Lord Jesus Christ you now possess real HOPE of becoming permanently set free.

It is always a significant step to freedom when you possess the good news of the HOPE found in Jesus. Encouragement is being sent to you today to go on grasping in faith the lifeline held in the hands of the world's Mighty Saviour, Deliverer and Healer who sets the captives free.

Without the knowledge of Christ's life-giving and healing Spirit inside you, it would be hard to impact the hopelessness of defeating schizophrenia. But with Jesus, all things are possible.

Even though you are on medication and struggling with confused thinking, the presence of hope must reside every day in your life. Hope is anchored in faith in Jesus. Believing faith feeds on Jesus in the heart and on His Word – sufficient to keep hope alive (see Hebrews 11:1).

Here's a verse of Scripture to memorise and allow God to write on your heart: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13). Such hope will provide the endurance and encouragement to press ahead to defeat schizophrenia.

Having been born-again by the Spirit of God and knowing Christ has forgiven your sin, you have a new Helper, Counsellor and Intercessor as your personal Friend. Jesus puts such a value on your life that He is ready to pour into your life His healing power enabling you to secure deliverance.

The abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in your life inspires faith to keep HOPE ALIVE!! Hope to someone suffering from schizophrenia is like breath to the lungs. Every sufferer would do well to grasp the lifeline from where this hope springs.... the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How are people for whom life was going so well able to recover from the life-shattering experience of being thrown into mental and life chaos through being hit by the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia. In a word it is through turning to Jesus.

My hellish incarceration of schizophrenia over 26 years, affected both my married and family life, shattered future plans, but most of all robbed me of the enjoyment of life. Behind it all was a nest of demonic spirits battling to destroy me. I know there are others who have suffered for a greater number of years and whose quality of life is almost non-existent.

Any of us can face the onslaught of disease or sickness which alters the course of our lives, but without a doubt the battle to defeat schizophrenia is one of the biggest struggles of life that a human being can be engaged in.

That is why every schizophrenic inwardly is crying out for HELP though you may never hear a cry audibly coming from them. Praise God that in some quarters of the world, faith-filled Christians are really believing the words of Jesus and setting the captives free. But much needs to be done to "destroy the works of the devil" as tens of thousands more begin to believe the truths they say they believe and start working to pray and deliver those held in bondage.

The purpose of this week's Encourager is to pour hope into your life that all the grief you have suffered and at present still suffer can become a thing of the past as you enter into the freedom which can be yours through the delivering and healing power of Jesus.

I almost hear you asking me if it is possible to reach a place in your life where all the grief and heartache you are now experiencing can really become a thing of the past. Can the joy and freedom of the Holy Spirit shine out of your face again – whereas right now it seems gone for ever? It most certainly can!! (If you doubt that take a look at the BEFORE AND AFTER pictures lower down this Encourager and view the marked difference on my face after the healing power of Jesus touched my head).

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the God of the impossible and the Restorer of all the years “the locusts have eaten”. I have no doubt in the ability of God to restore ALL of the 26 years spent in a schizophrenic prisonhouse. He is doing that right now. All the grief, sadness and heartache bound up in my life for more than a third of a lifetime has gone for ever. The joy of being set free by Jesus wipes it all away. I don't dwell on it. It has all gone. Freedom and joy in the Holy Spirit are mine - and a delight in serving God by telling that what He has done for me, He can also do for you.

A man wrote in after seeing the Trinity Broadcasting Network video on YOUTUBE to ask if what he had viewed about me “was real and had the healing and deliverance really taken place?” It was a joy to assure him that what he had seen and heard was totally true. Jesus Christ DID set me free almost 24 years ago and HAS kept me free of all medication for more than 26 years.” It is a joy to be able to point to Jesus as the Great Healer and Deliverer and envisage the hope pouring from Him into so many lives receiving the news!!.

There was a time in the life of Joseph recorded in the Old Testament when he too made testimony to how God had wiped away the grief and sadness of the events in his life. Sold by his brothers into slavery in Egypt and later imprisoned, the events of these days had caused him much unhappiness.

But in Genesis 41: 50-52, at a time he was promoted and served next to Pharaoh in charge of Egypt, the Bible says: “Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphera, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, “It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household.” The second son he named Ephraim and said, “It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering.”

FINAL THOUGHT: Keep faith active and living in your Saviour, Jesus Christ, the God of all hope. He can empower you and cause you to DEFEAT schizophrenia and know the joy of His freedom in your life for the rest of your life!! Jesus Christ is the One who DOES set free, and He can do it as you deliver yourself with His help, or He can do it through a person or persons who serve Him and they can pray you into the freedom you so much want to receive and enjoy.

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### **FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File**

- 2012** - 21 October: Allow No Place Where Satan Can Say He Was Too Much For You
- 2011** - 20 February: God Can Free You Of Schizophrenia And Restore All Your Lost Years
- 2010** - 29 August: Getting to Know The God Of The Bible Personally

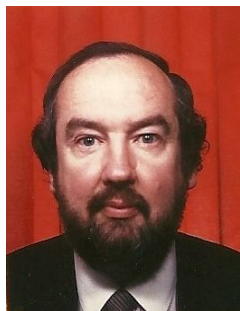
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*A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: “Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that 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.*

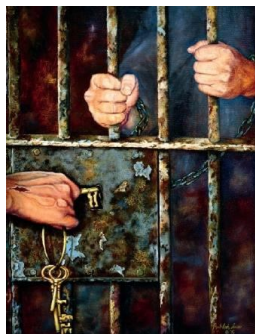
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**See below in the pictures BEFORE AND AFTER deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.**



**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"

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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.

Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:19-21

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth), and find out what pleases the Lord... Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 8-10, 19-20

The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemy before you, saying, 'Destroy him!' So Israel will live in safety alone; Jacob's spring is secure in a land of corn and new wine, where the heavens drop dew. Deuteronomy 33: 27-28

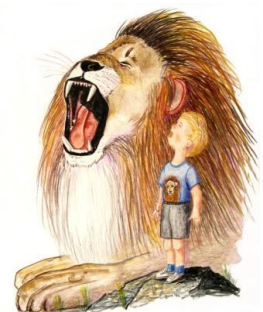
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## WEEKLY ENCOURAGER:

### **30 March: Take Hold Of The Word Of God For Mastery Of Your Thought Life**

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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-trying 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*