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**Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 26TH YEAR OF FREEDOM AND OVER 28 YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO JESUS CHRIST.**

## **WHAT A TRANSFORMATION WHEN A SCHIZOPHRENIC KNOWS GOD IS REVIVING HIS HEART!**

### **THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 4: Key Verses 1-26:**

*Jesus Talks With a Samaritan Woman:* The Pharisees heard that Jesus was gaining and baptising more disciples than John, although in fact it was not Jesus who baptised, but his disciples. When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

"Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."



Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth."

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

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Through worshipping the living God revealed to you in Jesus Christ, life forever is changed and your perspective on it, too. How you now face its trials and disappointments, its challenges and frustrations all turn on the fact that you are now united with Christ who helps you meet those circumstances differently through the power of His grace.

The wonderful revelation you possess of knowing Jesus Christ as Saviour is eternal truth so precious you will never allow the abiding knowledge of your relationship with Him to be stolen from you.

If, as happened to me, eight years after knowing Jesus, a life-shattering event occurs in which your life is threatened by the strong invasion of dark evil called schizophrenia, then a conflict begins in which you throw yourself into the arms of Jesus, who is standing by to help you face the crisis.

The Holy Spirit of truth within you sweeps into action to help you prevent shipwreck taking place within your mind. You could well feel at this time that your fellowship with Christ is under attack and life's freedom is in danger. But the kingdom of God within you is a powerful kingdom and Jesus will not let you be overcome.

In our Bible reading for this week, I was reminded of the preciousness of knowing Christ as He was in conversation with the Samaritan woman. At the point where Jesus says to her: "You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews," the Holy Spirit lit up the wonderful privilege of knowing Jesus Christ personally. What a complete waste of time and utter futility in giving worship to a god that is not known. Because Jesus is the One and Only True God, He can be known and IS KNOWN through the power of His Presence, the Holy Spirit abiding within us! Hallelujah!

Just think for a moment, how would you or I cope if we could not cry out to the Lord Jesus in faith every time the evil of schizophrenia moves in to torment and threatens to rob us of life itself? I would never have lasted 26 years without the faithfulness of Jesus in my life! His power came to me through His Word right inside my very heart, praying me through, comforting me, imparting hope. Through that quickened word, I went into warfare mode to oppose the evil, declaring that demons had no legal right to be in my life as I was the property of the Lord Jesus bought by Him through His death on Calvary. It was this statement of faith that began to dislodge the power of the demons until becoming white-hot it made them feel they ought to depart with grease-lightning speed from my life. The opposition strengthened by the Holy Spirit in me was too much for them to face!

You may be facing an onslaught in your mind but however unpleasant it is, the Holy Spirit will teach you to rely on Jesus and though the fight could be prolonged, you know Jesus is with you helping you win the victory in His Name. Begin to rise up in faith, pray Christ's protection over all of your body and allow no moment to take place where Satan becomes too much for you.

Jesus Christ is the living water referred to in our Bible reading – and what a powerhouse of might, power and authority He is. Christ living within you is your life TODAY. He lives by faith in your spirit and mind, and affects your will and emotions. I just want to say in encouraging you TODAY – if you have received Christ as Saviour ask Him to show you through faith WHO IT IS WHO IS REALLY LIVING WITHIN YOU. We all need a daily appreciation that it is none other than the Lord of the

Universe, the Supreme God Almighty, our Loving Heavenly Father living in us through the precious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, His Son, on the Cross at Calvary for each one of us.

I want to leave with you a challenge to allow more of the living water of Christ's presence to FILL YOU LIFE through faith. Christ has the power to transform and change your life completely. Today, life may not be as good or as free as you would like, but never under-estimate what Jesus can do. I stand amazed at the transformation He has performed in my life, but His power can do the same for you, too. The living water of the Holy Spirit can so flow in your life that a new life can be yours. You can be ransomed, healed, restored and forgiven by Jesus and experience such joy and delight in God that the misery of schizophrenia can be put forever behind you as you want to tell others of what Christ has done for you.

Jesus Christ will come and fill you with His Spirit as you have faith to believe. Keep telling Him that you can't settle for anything less than His fullness. Learn about faith, exercise faith, steep yourself in the Word of God that inspires faith. Nothing will come unless you know what it is to believe in Jesus.

As to the man who brought his demon-possessed son to Jesus and said, "...But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us" you may hear the Lord reply: " 'If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."

*Be encouraged by this meditation by Charles Haddon Spurgeon on "Strong in faith" – Romans 4:20*

*CHRISTIAN, take good care of thy faith; for recollect faith is the only way whereby you can obtain blessings. If we want blessings from God, nothing can fetch them down but faith. Prayer cannot draw down answers from God's throne except it be the earnest prayer of the man who believes. Faith is the angelic messenger between the soul and the Lord Jesus in glory. Let that angel be withdrawn, we can neither send up prayer, nor receive the answers. Faith is the telegraphic wire which links earth and heaven – on which God's messages of love fly so fast, that before we call He answers, and while we are yet speaking He hears us. But if that telegraphic wire of faith be snapped, how can we receive the promise? Am I in trouble? – I can obtain help for trouble by faith. Am I beaten about by the enemy? – my soul on her dear Refuge leans by faith. But take faith away – in vain I call to God. There is no road betwixt my soul and heaven. In the deepest winter-time faith is a road on which the horses of prayer may travel – ay, and all the better for the biting frost; but blockade the road, and how can we communicate with the Great King? Faith links me with divinity. Faith clothes me with the power of God. Faith engages on my side the omnipotence of Jevovah. Faith ensures every attribute of God in my defence. It helps to defy the hosts of hell. It makes me march triumphant over the necks of my enemies. But without faith how can I receive anything of the Lord? Let not him that wavereth – who is like a wave of the Sea – expect that he will receive anything of God! O then, Christian, watch well thy faith; for with it you can win all things, however poor you are, but without it you can obtain nothing. "If you can believe, all things are possible to him that believes."*

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

**2013** - 13 & 20 January – "Forgiveness Is The Primary Weapon For Breaking Bondages Of Darkness"

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

**2011** - 10 July – Persevere In Faith When The Load Of Schizophrenia Wearies You

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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 Jesus said to them, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop, thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown." Mark 4:13-20

"If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD'S holy day honourable, and if you honour it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob," The mouth of the LORD has spoken. Isaiah 58:13-14

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Therefore rejoice, you heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short." Revelation 12:10-12

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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*