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**Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey NOW IN HIS 28TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND IN JANUARY 2018 OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION FOR THIRTY YEARS - THANKS TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

## **A LIFE-TIME VALENTINE AND DELIVERANCE MINISTER ROLLED INTO ONE!**

### **THE REAL VISION I HAD FROM GOD WAS OF TINA IN A BRIDAL GOWN!**

When I accepted a friend's suggestion about joining a Christian dating agency, I never realised it would eventually lead to finding a wonderful "Miss Right" and a compassionate intercessor rolled into one.

Struggling to cope with 20 years of diagnosed schizophrenia, I found my membership with Doncaster-based Christian Friendship Fellowship a lifeline of hope. It was the mid-eighties and I had been a widower for just four years.

Although a born-again Christian, who came to know the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 14, I was terribly lonely and still missed the support and care of my late wife Pam, to whom I was married for 14 years. I wasn't looking to marry again, but I desperately wanted friendship to answer the tremendous loneliness and isolation that schizophrenia brings.

I was working as a letters administrator with Royal Mail in Sheffield, and the thought of sitting in front of a warm fire on a cold winter's night, chatting with a variety of female contacts offered some comfort.

After sifting through the quarterly lists of "available ladies", I pursued meeting up with those in easily accessible locations like Stockport, Sheffield, Mansfield and Birmingham, but soon came to the conclusion that these romantically inspired meetings were going nowhere, and so I curtailed all my activity.

I was still on regular, fortnightly injections for schizophrenia and was struggling more and more as the debilitating illness advanced. My main fight centred around a daily confrontation with an evil force within me that was bent on destroying my life.

The exhaustion caused by contending in prayer using God's Word to ward off this 'inner foe' had often resulted in being either sectioned or admitted to the local hospital in Chesterfield. This was no low-key spiritual battle to survive, but one requiring discipline and perseverance in prayer, starting at 5 a.m. before going to work.

I lapsed my membership with CFF for a while, but then in 1987 I decided to try again. I prayed in desperation: "I'll try again, Lord, but I am going no further than Birmingham."

Still perusing old and new A4 lists of eligible women and their brief résumé covering their personal details, interests, recreations and desires for friendship, companionship and possible marriage, I stumbled across an unusual entry which hit me right between the eyes.

It read: "Christina Winterburn, d.o.b. 1944, born-again Christian, interested in friendship, companionship, possibly marriage, likes cooking, travel, embroidery, Bible study. Requirement: someone with a regular prayer life."

In no time at all I had made an initial contact, exchanged letters and, wonder of wonders, received the promise of a visit from Tina. She was willing to drive more than 70 miles from the West Midlands to look me over.

Three months later, Tina, a nursing sister, discovered that I was visiting the doctor for an injection of moderate or depixol, the same psychotic medication she administered to patients at her doctor's practice. It was to put it mildly, "a devastating bombshell."

By early January, 1988, Tina had almost made up her mind "to let me down gently", and disappear from my life, when something remarkable happened.

I was off work for six weeks with laryngitis and bronchitis, and had received an extra injection for my nerves. It produced a "high" condition in me, exacerbated by my having fallen in love with Tina. Into this maze of emotions, God spoke to me in my bedroom one night and gave me a real vision.

God's words were simply these: "Enough is enough" - a word directed to my long mental bondage, and in the vision I saw Tina dressed in a bridal gown, with her father by her right side.

From that night on I came off all injections. I had decided never to come off all medication until God told me to - and haven't had cause to return to them. I began to pursue Tina believing that I had the backing of heaven behind me.

She herself placed little value on the vision, stating that "I was again over the top". Her contact with me at this stage was only based on feeling sorry for me and wanting God to set me free from this worst psychotic disorder of all. At this stage, although she liked me, she was not in love with me.

Three months later, Tina wanted to end our relationship for good. She thought I would put up no resistance, but I dug my heels in, on the strength of the vision, and refused to accept it was the final meeting. Afterwards, she began to seek God and ask if there was a way out of my condition.

She asked both local and distant friends to engage in prayer for me to be delivered and healed, and began meeting with a friend, Joan Clark, from her days in India with Operation Mobilisation to pray and fast. They took hold of a promise in Isaiah 45:2, in which they asked God "to break down the gates of bronze and cut through the bars of iron" around my mind.

I myself launched a prayer offensive in a bid for my freedom. In addition to regular early morning prayer, I added prayer with fasting in my tea-breaks and dinner breaks in the toilets at work. I told God: "I am going to come here and seek you until you break this evil force in my life."

Deliverance and healing finally came on May Day 1990. In a remarkable prayer time, I had a direct word from God that by the end of the day I would be free. Tina says: "The change in James was quite remarkable - he became a completely different person. I always knew the glimpses of the real person were lovely and as soon as he was free, I found myself falling in love with him. Within a year we were engaged and in October 1991 were married".

Today, now in their seventies, James and Tina run a Christian ministry, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals (PUSH) located on this website, [www.schizophreniadefeated.com](http://www.schizophreniadefeated.com) seeking to offer unique hope and freedom to Christian schizophrenics. Hundreds of people the world over have contacted us during past years through our website and many have read my autobiography, Schizophrenia Defeated.

I know my story is controversial, but I have not had an injection, tablet or ECT session since 1988. The Lord Jesus Christ delivered and healed me 28 years ago on this coming May Day and has blessed me with a happy marriage and restored living for His purposes and glory.

To God be all the glory, honour and praise!

**[FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File](#)**

**2017** - 13 August: Why Does It Take So Long For A Schizophrenic To Battle Through On Their Own?

**2016** - 26 June: Meeting God Early Will Keep Advancing Your Fight To Become Free

**2015** - 1 March: Faith Is Rising In God's People To Love Schizophrenics Into Freedom

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**WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 25 FEBRUARY:**

**Possessing The Power Of Precious Faith Equips You To Defeat Schizophrenia**

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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"

*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 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

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. Romans 8: 26-27

When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. Luke 8: 35-36

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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*