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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW IN HIS 30TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND 32 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE - CELEBRATED IN JESUS CHRIST AT EASTER AND EVERY DAY - SETTING A SCHIZOPHRENIC TOTALLY FREE

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love ... Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends,” said Jesus Christ before His death and resurrection. John 15:9&13

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS
JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 4**

Jesus Talks With A Samaritan Woman: Verses 4-26: 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."

In your determination to be free of schizophrenia never lose sight of the magnitude of Christ's love which is well able to undergird such a valiant quest. When the personal setbacks on the road to freedom occur, keep abiding faith in Jesus who keeps pouring into your life the overwhelming power of his love necessary to destroy and drive out the intruding demonic force of schizophrenia.

Once your eyes have been opened to see the need to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, it should become clear to you just who it is living inside you. No less a person than the great God of heaven who loves you with an everlasting love and wants you totally free of every intrusion of spiritual darkness in your life.

Be prepared for a spiritual fight, but one in which Jesus is fighting with you. At times you will not know what to pray for but then "the Spirit makes intercession for us (you) 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 (you) according to the will of God." Romans 8 26-27.

Many were the times in my fight for freedom that I was purposely opposed against every intruding force set on assailing and destroying my life. The fact of God's love for me remained perfectly clear. How dare the spirits of darkness think they could blind me to such knowledge. God loved me and wanted me free and in fellowship with him. His love, and the power of sovereign love proved sufficient to defeat any destructive force and design on my life.

Remember, the love of Jesus is there for you at all times. When He promises never to leave you or forsake you, He is saying His love is there to abide in you - morning, noon and night. In the heat of the battle, in the rest times you take from spiritual warfare, when you are on your own and the only thing that keeps you going is the assured knowledge of God's promised love being poured into you on every occasion and during every pressure you face.

Armed with the knowledge of God's love, you become a strong soldier standing 10-feet tall, praying in the Spirit, bringing every thought into captivity, unseating every demonic presence as the light of God's word strengthens your battle of faith.

Possessed with the love of Jesus you CAN DO self-deliverance, expel demons from your life, and triumph in it. You can free yourself from passivity of mind through pleading the precious blood of Jesus Christ. You advance in faith sensing that your spirit and mind are becoming free as you command demons to leave.

You regard with forceful resistance that Satan and his cohorts should ever think they have any right to your life. As you see Jesus Christ dying for your sin to bring you into his forgiveness and

freedom, there mounts up in you a right and proper hate against all dark spiritual forces that want to ensnare you in the worst kind of spiritual bondage.

It was for freedom Christ has set you free and you are permanently in a no-nonsense mood to send packing out from your life each and every intruder. You may reach that happy place, as I did on many occasions, of knowing something akin to the reality of what the Scriptures calls “the zeal of the Lord consuming you.” At such a time, your prayer life takes off. The prayers coming out of your spirit are white hot.

You take the whole armour of God and put it on every part of your body. The Word of God pours out of your heart like fire and Scriptures run from you thought life ten to the dozen. The indwelling spirit of Jesus and his love burn within you and anything from the kingdom of Satan cannot exist or remain in your life.

How powerful is the love of God spurring you on. You read a Scripture such as: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. When Jesus died for you, He obtained for you eternal life by paying the price of your sin and defeating Satan. You are determined to take the power of that victory for your own and make the sacrifice of Calvary of full effect.

The place where God works is in your heart and that is where He comes to teach YOU how to pray. Andrew Murray, the great devotional writer said: “When a man begins to get an insight into that which IS NEEDED and that which God WAITS TO PERFORM, he feels it to be beyond his conception. Then is the time he will be ready to say: “I cannot limit the holy one of Israel by my thoughts. I give myself up in the faith that the Holy Spirit can be praying for me with groaning, with longings, that cannot be expressed”. APPLY THAT TO YOUR PRAYERS.

Experiencing fellowship with Jesus Christ through His love in your heart, you CAN pray for yourself mightily and achieve SELF-DELIVERANCE and FREEDOM.

This hymn by Charles Wesley (1707-88) will inspire you!

PRAY, without ceasing pray, Your Captain gives the word; His summons cheerfully obey, And call upon the Lord: To God your every want In instant prayer display; Pray always; pray, and never faint; Pray, without ceasing pray!

In fellowship, alone, To God with faith draw near, Approach His courts, besiege His throne With all the powers of prayer:

Go to His temple, go, Nor from His altar move; Let every house His worship know, And every heart His love.

Pour out your souls to God, And bow them with your knees, And spread your hearts and hands abroad, And pray for Zion's peace; Your guides and brethren bear For ever on your mind; Extend the arms of mighty prayer, In grasping all mankind.

From strength to strength go on, Wrestle and fight and pray, Tread all the powers of darkness down, And win the well-fought day; Still let the Spirit cry In all His soldiers: Come ! Till Christ the Lord descend from high, And take the conquerors home.

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2019 22 September – Keep On Exercising Faith When You Do Not Feel The Presence Of God

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WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 19 APRIL 2020:

FIGHTING FOR MY SANITY WAS A LIFE-AND-DEATH STRUGGLE

by Guest Writer, Peter Laue from Pagosa Springs, Colorado, USA, the founder of www.stretcherbearers.com and a partner and supporter of Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals.



THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING IS LUKE CHAPTER 23: Selected Verses 26-56 – The Crucifixion: *As they led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. Jesus turned and said to them, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. For the time will come when you will say, 'Blessed are the barren women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then "they will say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills "Cover us!" For if men do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?"*

Two other men, both criminals, were also led with him to be executed. When they came to the place called the Skull, there they crucified him, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

The people stood watching and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others: let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."

The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself."

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus' Death: *It was about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.*

The centurion, seeing what had happened, praised God and said, "Surely this was a righteous man." When all the people who had gathered to witness this sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away. But all those who had followed him from Galilee stood at a distance, watching these things.

Jesus' Burial – *Now there was a man named Joseph, a member of the Council, a good and upright man, who had not consented to their decision and action. He came from the Judean town of Arimathea and he was waiting for the kingdom of God. Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body. Then he took it down, wrapped it in linen cloth and placed it in a tomb cut in the rock, one in which no-one had yet been laid. It was Preparation Day, and the Sabbath was about to begin.*

The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed Joseph and saw the tomb and how his body was laid in it. Then they went home and prepared spices and perfumes. But they rested on the Sabbath in obedience to the commandment.

Fighting for my sanity was a life-and-death struggle. It was a struggle that lasted many years. I saw things and thought things that caused my mind to resemble a courtroom in continuous session. Sometimes I was the accused, sometimes the accuser. At other times I was the judge or jury. My thought process was compelling, relentless, emotionally charged, exhausting, and totally unproductive. For a brief period I was on medication. It did not solve my problems, but it may have kept me from doing something stupid. For this I am very grateful. Much like an aspirin, it provided temporary relief for a bad headache. But it was the Word of God and the grace of God that eventually created order out of chaos. Only as I believed the Word and obeyed it, was peace and order restored to my mind.

The significant turning point came when I became convinced that God was not the author of my accusing, confusing, grandiose, and tormenting thoughts and emotions. When I began to police them and adopted a militant posture, I began to heal. Healing came gradually. I learned to identify my enemies more and more quickly and developed a variety of strategies in dealing with them. I cut them off at the pass, so to speak, and did not allow them to gain an inch of ground. After an exhausting battle, I soothed my emotions by playing music like King David might have played.

I discovered that the only way I could be an alert and effective soldier was to do away with all tranquilizers and mind and mood-altering drugs. This strategy is certainly not new, but it was new for me. I never wavered in my decision to throw out all medication that had been prescribed. Mind and mood-altering drugs, both legal and illegal ones, are like chemical bullets that can misfire and cause debilitating side effects. Even innocent-looking sleeping pills can cause havoc. Violent and unpredictable behavior has been traced to the sleeping medication Halcyon. Our personalities can be altered and sabotaged without our knowledge or permission. Enslaved by drugs, we can experience a false sense of security and wellbeing and turn into wimps instead of warriors.

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

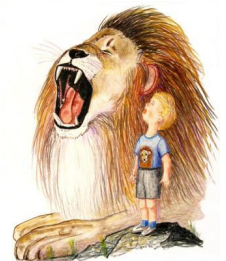
We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your spirit, and so equip you in your fight for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of JESUS CHRIST.

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." John 6:53-56

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When the flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built." Luke 6:46-48

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. 2 Timothy 1:6-7

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 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