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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James STACEY NOW IN HIS 27TH YEAR OF FREEDOM - OVER 28 YEARS OFF ALL PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION - THANKS TO JESUS CHRIST.

Passivity begins to lose its hold

Chapter 12 of Schizophrenia Defeated by James Stacey, showing the gradual restoration of life after the glorious defeat of schizophrenia after 26 years

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM 34: Key Verses 1-8

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me: let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Verses 15-22 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems his servants; no-one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

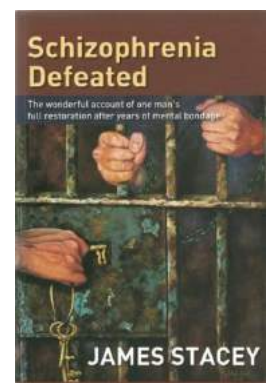


Chapter 12 of Schizophrenia Defeated

Life continued at a busy pace, with numerous commitments and changes, which meant that the focus on moving towards full restoration had to be sought amidst the routine of normal everyday activities. We also needed continuing adjustment to married life. Tina needed time to settle down and make new friendships at St. Thomas' parish church opposite our home. I was grateful that in the months preceding April, 1993, my administration job in Datapost at Royal Mail was coming to an end, giving times free of pressure during the winding-down period.

A fresh challenge awaited me in a new job working in the Investigation Branch. It came during staff change in the business when my new boss moved from West Yorkshire. We began as a completely new team with me offering support in areas addressing internal fraud among postmen. The work demanded a new commitment in relations and performance, which I was determined to succeed in.

Our office backed onto the main road above the sorting office near Fitzalan Square in Sheffield and provided ample room, a feature which was most pleasing. We had the run of the place to ourselves, apart from a small room



where a colleague from the Post Office Investigation Department sat. In a short time, we moved into an adjoining room almost twice as big and revelled in even more spaciousness.

In June, I had a major breakthrough while out enjoying a picnic in the Derbyshire countryside with Tina on realising the important need of spiritual alertness in order to remain free. After stopping the car to have lunch, a deep, abnormal tiredness settled over me. I discerned it was an evil presence oppressing me and resembled more of a slumbering condition inducing passivity and lethargy which sought to totally inactivate me.

After finishing our picnic, I sensed a heaviness over and around my eyes and was unable to enjoy the brilliant sunshine. I told Tina of my need to pray. She joined me in commanding the heaviness to leave in Jesus' name. Within minutes, I became free of the oppressive state.

This same problem had also occurred the previous Sunday in the same location but to a lesser extent. Chesterfield is well known for occult influence and there may have been an influence in the area where we were visiting. Nevertheless, I realised the need for spiritual alertness and wrote down three important principles:

- a. the necessity of having a living, conscious faith
- b. the continual need of remaining alert through
jealously guarding my spirit (remember the benefits of keeping the law of faith)
- c. the need to guard against those things that sap spiritual
power and cause me to go "flat" inside.

I noted there was a link in some way between the condition here detailed and the uneasy fear I showed in relation to wanting to go to bed early in order to secure adequate sleep. Before deliverance and healing, the fight towards freedom proved long and intense. I had to drive my will inside the schizophrenia prison to get up to pray in order to be spiritually prepared for the day and keep up the warfare being waged.

The whole incident inspired the thought that I needed further counselling and prayer concentration to hit the inner core of my mind. Only then would there be complete restoration to wholeness and soundness. In other words, more power was needed to break the passivity and the patterns still formed in my mind left by the now exorcised spirits.

I wrote the whole incident down, showed Tina the details and she commented:

"My, your perception of yourself has grown. You wouldn't have been able to see that a year ago."

Being able to see myself more clearly was attributable to nothing less than another breakthrough in prayer. In recent months Tina had prayed for God to give me more revelation about myself.

Her diary made the comment way back in September:

"He is seeing himself more clearly but still not able to see himself as others do. This inertia/passivity seems to sap a lot of his energy. I know that the withdrawn side will still keep reasserting itself. How is this stronghold going to be completely cut? We've not prayed against withdrawal, unreality, fantasy, escape, sleepiness, passivity."

Another wonderful answer to prayer along the way! I began to observe other advances in gaining natural strength and relaxation. I was now sleeping a lot better, even sometimes dropping off during the journey to work and waking up when the bus pulled up with a jolt at the Sheffield terminus. Considering the backlog of years when I never used to secure adequate rest and relaxation, I was grateful for every improvement in sleep and rest. My body needed exercise, since I had not taken part in sports or regular walks for so long.

Completing several widths at the swimming baths really loosened up my frame, with the added joy of beating Tina in racing across.

I was by no means free of tiredness, however. Having to be out of the house at 7 a.m. for work meant rising at 5.30 or 5.45 in order to meet God in prayer. I arrived back home at 17.30, which meant a full day five days a week. A weakness I had was that if tired, I saw the need to be quiet and avoid noise of any sort. Tina, who had needed to adjust to noisy music through the night in the heart of Bombay in her missionary days, used to suggest that whatever the noise I should be able to handle it. But my inability to do so revealed that I couldn't switch off in a given situation.

In the summer of 1993, Tina became quite down and tired. She had various blood tests and her doctor thought she was depressed due to the menopause. He proved right in part, but she had severe pains in her arms radiating down to her hands. Many a time during the night the cramps were unbearable. Then she saw that her elbows were beginning to swell.

Tina's problem with her joints dates back to the time when she was four years old and fell from a first floor window at her grandparents' home near Morecambe, landing on her knees on a concrete yard. The impact then caused her to fall forward, hitting her head on the concrete, resulting in a large egg-shaped lump on her forehead.

She speaks of being miraculously preserved, for in the seconds as she was falling from the window, she noticed a split-second white flash. She believed it to be an angel who had intervened at the point of falling. The local doctor, on being phoned to come to the house, was unwilling at first because only recently he had attended a young girl in a nearby street who had fallen to her death in just the same way.

As for myself, I still kept seeing the need for further counselling and ministry, and arranged another session with Colin Nowells, supported by Tina in November 1993. Little did I realise beforehand, the magnitude of another advance soon to be made in the area concerning my mother's desire of wanting me to be a girl.

Colin discerned that I had not wanted to be born and had turned my back on life while in the womb. During a time of waiting before God, I confessed that I had "not wanted to come out into the world and be born."

Colin believed that I had also said: "I'm not going to be born".

I confessed this as sin, was anointed with oil and prayed "to be born and choose life."

Following the above ministry, I seemed to have a new lease of life until it was agreed to pray into the next agenda with Colin in the area of tiredness and lethargy. Tina wondered if the problem was linked to family spirits of passivity. She recorded:

"They are evident in the family and particularly in James. James may have received passivity in the womb, but he also prayed for six months with an empty mind when he was specifically seeking guidance for future ministry.

"Is this tiredness due to the passivity in action? He always makes excuses for the tiredness e.g. by saying: 'Anyone doing what I'm doing would be tired, and would naturally get tired more easily. It's only natural to be tired like this. I'm not getting any younger' etc."

While it was perfectly clear to Tina and Colin that some time would be needed for the passivity to be dealt with through asserting my will, it was not obvious to me because I couldn't see myself as clearly as they could. I really needed to take stock of what Tina was always pointing out to me about Normalcy Recognised, a section dealt with clearly by Chinese author, Watchman Nee, in his book The Spiritual Man. I may have read the following but it had not gripped me. It makes vital reading for anyone seeking to help a schizophrenic and knowing what is involved.

In Volume 3, he writes:

“If one has plunged into all sorts of vexations due to passivity or believing the lies of the evil spirits, he urgently needs to determine what is normal for him. Except for the unrenewed mind, both passivity and assent to lies furnish such footholds to evil spirits that the Christian’s mental state will deteriorate steadily in every direction.

“His powers of recall, of physical endurance, and so forth will all continually fail. If he realises his danger he ought to rise up and seek liberation. But what should be regarded as liberation? It is this ... he needs to be restored to his original state. It’s essential for anyone who seeks restoration to determine what his original state was. Each person has his normal condition, the state he had before his illness. He must be made aware of his normal state. He should therefore ask himself these questions:

1. What was my former condition?
2. How far am I today from it?
3. How can I be restored to it?

“Your former state is your normal state. The condition from which you fell is your measuring rod should you be ignorant of what is normal for you - you need to ask:

1. Was my mind born so confused or was there a time when I was not confused?
2. Was I always so sleepless or did I once sleep well?
3. Did I always have so many pictures passing before my eyes like movies on a screen or were there some clear moments?
4. Have I always been weak or was there a time when I was stronger?
5. Is it true I never could control myself or could I once manage myself much better?

“By answering these questions the person ought to be able to perceive whether he lacks his normal state, is under attack, has grown passive. To define what his original condition was a person must acknowledge and believe initially that HE DOES have a normal state.”

The ministry with Colin became difficult for me during the times I was restless and uneasy. Tina felt a hardness of evil spirit activity in the session, but prayer was offered into passivity of family line spirits.

As the subject of “Normalcy Recognised” was being discussed, Colin discerned that I was not accepting it. Some old thought patterns came out in conversation. Tina recorded in her diary:

“We came away feeling tired (at least I did). I was tempted to give up and begin to think about living my own life because of James’s tremendous pull on me. He’s very draining when the opposition (in spirit) rises up and his mind on some levels is very deceived. It was obvious Colin discerned that. Now the Lord reminded me of Psalm 71 verse 14: ‘But as for me, I shall always have hope. I will praise you more and more’.”

As the months went by, I knew my inner life was getting stronger. I wanted to succeed in relationships with colleagues in the Investigation Branch and provide them with every support in carrying out the difficult task of detecting fraud. There was always plenty of work in the “melting pot” with ongoing suspects being watched; but everything was eclipsed when in the autumn of 1993, Sheffield encountered the first murder of a postman in the 350 years’ history of the Post Office.

A long-serving postman driver had been run over and killed as he tried to prevent his van being stolen while clearing a pillar box. The descent of police into our office and the length and extent of the enquiry for many months exacted a commitment in support work. During a house-to-house search in the south of Sheffield, police discovered a large amount of mail in a garage which a former postman had not wanted to deliver and hidden away. Every item of mail had to be recorded in this “side issue”, as well as helping out with the major enquiry.

Tina and I were maintaining an interest in healing and deliverance, though I needed to have a proper respect for the power of Satan and demons. Although experiencing the effectiveness of the power of the blood of Jesus Christ in my life, I still had important lessons to learn.

Before getting involved in praying for deliverance for others, I must be living in the power of the Spirit and protected by Christ. Demons given legal rights do not leave people without being handled and addressed properly. Even God has to acknowledge the areas where demons have been given legal rights to be. So there was need for empowered living with Christ.

This insight came home with real force during a time of prayer for deliverance for Tina. She often complained of abdominal pain which I thought was associated with witchcraft in her family line from a previous generation. Without protecting myself adequately, and praying in the name of Jesus, I proceeded to take authority over the evil presence and immediately suffered a backlash. I was hit with such power in my head, falling backwards and hitting the floor with a bump. I gathered myself, got up and said to Tina: "I was not fully protected then. That's taught me a lesson."

I realised I didn't know everything about Satan and his kingdom of darkness. I needed to see, as one author puts it, that "experience is needed to give life to the study but study is necessary to give sense and meaning to the experience."

An opportunity occurred in December 1993 of helping a friend from church who had suffered untold abuse from her parents involved in Satanism. At first, I feared the commitment would be too much. It was, however, to prove an enriching experience and privilege to minister the love of Jesus into her life without focusing on deliverance.

When Tina rang me at work to ask if I was in agreement that our friend and her fiancé stay in our home to give them a break, I said I needed more time to think about it. Tina was somewhat disappointed, to say the least, although I finally agreed to their coming.

Our friend had been found in a state of neglect in her flat one day by a neighbour who later fell in love with her. He helped her back to improved health and strength. Her background was one of being brought up in a satanic coven which had deeply entrenched spiritual, emotional and physical repercussions. As it is so needful to minister the love of Jesus to broken lives, we just made them feel at home.

Tina went to great pains to give them really good meals and express the love of Jesus in a relaxed setting. As our friend had been deprived of love in her family home, we sat with them to watch the video, "Anne of Avonlea."

She remarked to Tina: "So that's what family life is all about."

Tina's big heart went out in loving compassion, even to the point of dressing her up in her wedding gown in readiness for the proposed marriage they were planning.

The presence of cancer, however, prevented her reaching the wedding day. She was willing for God to heal her, but having suffered such immense trauma was now ready to go home to be with Jesus. Her life account told of horrific happenings which had left her so scarred, battered and bruised. We prayed a great deal for her, as did her friends at church. She finally went into a local hospice to spend her remaining days. We were glad, however, to have offered the love of Jesus at the close of her life.

The funeral was so unusually joyous. Pastor David Bailey, minister, told us that she had said "it was to be party and celebration because she was going home to be with Jesus." We were exhorted to rejoice for her, that having suffered so much, she had found her precious Saviour who had seen it right to take her home to be with Him. It was a most moving occasion, with tears filling many eyes.

The book *Schizophrenia Defeated* is available from www.eden.co.uk

FOR FURTHER READING – See Archive File

2015 – 28 June: Becoming Free Ends All The Grief You Suffered With Schizophrenia

2014 – 13 July: Let's Get To Grips With The Real Nature Of These Voices That "Steal, Kill And Destroy"

2013 – 15 December: Stirred As I Watched Nelson Mandela Walking To Freedom

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 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.

Jesus said: "I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me, but the world must learn that I love the Father and that I do exactly what my Father has commanded me." John 14:30-31

Jesus said: "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God... But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop." Luke 8: 11 and 15

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29: 11-14

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

