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Weekly Encourager - 28 April 2019

**SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW IN HIS 29th YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA AND OVER 31 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION**

## **IT IS IGNORANCE AND FEAR ABOUT THE DEMONIC THAT DELAYS YOUR FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA**

### **THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ISAIAH CHAPTER 9: Key verses 2-7: (To Us a Child is Born):**

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.



It is a sad fact to contemplate that a large number of Christians suffering with schizophrenia will never be released into the full freedom of Jesus until fellow Christians have faith to believe that the spiritual bondage can be defeated.

A giant stumbling block of unbelief has got to be removed and give way to a firm conviction about the demonic nature of the psychotic condition. Without receiving such a breakthrough in spiritual understanding, Christians will remain unable to be fruitful to you in being an instrument of deliverance and healing.

I had no need to remain in a schizophrenic prison for 26 years if members of the church of Jesus Christ had been spiritually aware of my plight. How pathetic that no-one seemed to realise that it was Satan himself who was behind the so-described mental illness that robbed, stole and would have destroyed my life!

Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals (PUSH) has a desire to do what it can to see that countless thousands of Christian believers throughout the world DO NOT spend anything like a similar time in a mental prisonhouse deprived of the deliverance and healing from Jesus Christ, the Conqueror of schizophrenia.

May I tell you of the time when I seriously began to tread the pathway to deliverance and healing. It all started in the autumn of 1987, 23 years into the bondage. It followed meeting my future wife, Tina, who after a few months set in motion a serious Prayer Force among a group of caring Christians, focused on praying to help set me free.

Up to that time, I had prayed constantly just to keep alive. But then the prayer activity changed to be the aggressive, militant kind to defeat demonic forces behind the schizophrenia in my life.

Prayers of others launched me into a deeper spiritual battle against the obvious powers of darkness at war with the Spirit of Jesus within. It stirred me to pray one day at work to resolve to hide myself away in the toilets during my tea-breaks and dinner-breaks and pray to Jesus until He broke the power of the demons present in my life – schizophrenia, religious spirit and suicide – contesting for my destruction.

As a Christian suffering with schizophrenia you yourself are in no doubt as to the demonic evil behind the condition. Because the spirit of Jesus is in you, you “feel” the battle of two spiritual forces at war inside your life. I certainly did. The more I fought to be free, the greater the intensity of the battle became – but Jesus was the empowering force to fight on.

Many fellow Christians are ignorant of the contest raging in your life but not you yourself! As one Christian phoning in for help this week outlined – “I am getting tired of the unrelenting pressure at war in my life.” Those wanting to see schizophrenia defeated in Christians, please take note – this battle is not imaginary, it is very real indeed. You may have doubts and fears about Satan and the demonic forces behind this mental condition but those enduring the battle in their minds have no such fears. Powers of darkness are still around in our world today creating intense mental havoc in the lives of God’s people!

The time is now for the church of Jesus Christ to arise and minister healing and deliverance by driving out the evil intruders from the lives of such people as yourself - and then to extend all the help you will require to move into wholeness. You have been deprived of your freedom which Jesus Christ obtained at such tremendous cost for far too long.

If other Christians are not involved in praying for you, THEN YOU MUST PRAY FOR YOURSELF. “Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests,” says Ephesians 6:18. How do you start praying against the spiritual forces you have been struggling with for years? You just pray and pray on in the Name of Jesus. To get a prayer answered you have to first pray it to God. First, pray for your protection and secondly, bind up in the Name of Jesus every spiritual foe in your life so as to inactivate its presence. Thirdly, declare to Satan and evil powers that you are a redeemed child of God bought by the precious blood of Jesus and as such, Jesus ALONE owns your life. Assert his Lordship and reign. Fourthly, ask God to help you fight on to victory in His might and power.

Take up a militant stance in the faith of Jesus who came to destroy the devil’s work. That was the reason the Son of God appeared (see 1 John 3 verse 8). JESUS CAME, HE DIED FOR OUR SINS, HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, AND RETURNED TRIUMPHANT BACK TO HEAVEN. HE OFFERS TO YOU AND ME HIS GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH FREEDOM TO ENJOY HIS LASTING AND GREAT VICTORY. LET NO DEVILISH FEAR OCCUPY YOUR LIFE. JESUS DID COME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE. RECEIVE HIS POWER TODAY AND BE FILLED WITH HOPE THAT IN HIS NAME YOU CAN DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA!

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

**2018** 8 July - "The Battle Belongs To The Lord" Conference - Chapter 8 of Schizophrenia Defeated

**2017** 2 July - The Light Of The Life Of The Lord Jesus Christ Is The Strong Deliverer Of Schizophrenia

**2016** 7 August - Praising God Is A Mighty Weapon In Driving Out Schizophrenia

## WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 5 MAY 2019:

### HOW TO FIND A RESTING PLACE WITH GOD IN PRAYER AS YOU FIGHT TO BECOME FREE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

*It is possible to enjoy spiritual rest while fighting to be free of schizophrenia! Jesus Christ can impart heart-rest on the road to securing lasting freedom. While the battle is on to drive out the demonic bondage wrapped around your mind, the KING of kings and LORD of lords has power to pour his Presence into your chaotic situation bringing an abiding rest. The struggle out of schizophrenia is often longer, though, where there is no sense of Jesus ruling and residing in the citadel of your spirit.*

*That Jesus can produce and provide such a victory in the midst of living in a mental prison displays his awesome power. It's a foretaste of freedom on the way to full freedom. To be able to pull aside and sit at the feet of Jesus in the heat of the battle and rest as faith fills your heart shows you are trusting him for greater deliverances in your life. Confidence to continue fighting to secure your freedom is imparted in such times of meeting God.*

*Such encounters with the LORD in prayer have a powerful effect on your life. They dispel thoughts suggesting that freedom from schizophrenia is a million miles away and will never happen to you. Such discouragement can steal over you from time to time. But the strength given in times of prayer with Jesus turns the tables on such thoughts. A fear like: "I might as well settle for life as it is because the struggle is just too much" is transformed into "I'm holding on to you Lord and will battle on in faith until you break the power of this bondage within me." You'll find yourself possessing a stronger will determined not to give up because there is already a foretaste of rest resident in your heart NOW bolstering your desire for the full freedom and its permanent rest to come.*

*I can only speak from experience. Before deliverance and healing, I encountered seasons of what I thought was total abandonment with no sensation of the Presence of God with me; at times, silences in which I felt He was doing nothing; intense struggles in months and years of jogging along in a sort of existence. I ran often to God, my Strong Tower, because I knew there was no help anywhere else. Believing in it all that "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him", Jesus eventually drew near - even in periods of total weariness - and began imparting his comfort and strength. As I found renewal, I became fired up to seek more freedom, because those real joyous times of refreshing and rest from God encouraged me on!*

*If you came to know Christ before the dawning of schizophrenia on your life, you will know the experience of sins forgiven and the heart-rest through having a relationship with the Saviour of the world. To have that rest stolen from you when your mind is thrown into confusion and bondage is a loss you can't afford. You must retrieve it at all costs. You may well know the reality of running into the Presence of God as a refuge when the onslaught of turmoil hits your mind. Your only lifeline at times is to hold on in faith to the One who has promised never to leave you or forsake 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.*

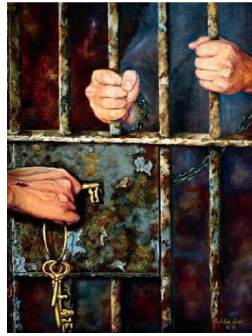
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See below in the pictures **BEFORE AND AFTER** deliverance and healing, the visible difference made by the power of the Holy Spirit on my great day of freedom in May 1990.



**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



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.

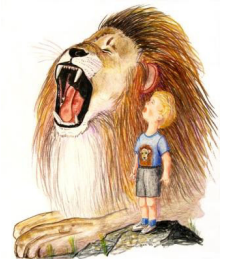
(Jesus said) "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15: 9- 11

But the angel said to them. "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 10-11

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2: 6-7.

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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-tried 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*