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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 23rd year of freedom and nearly 25 years off all medication - thanks to Jesus

WHEN ENOUGH PEOPLE PRAY ENOUGH TIME YOUR DELIVERANCE FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA IS NEAR

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ACTS CHAPTER 12:

Peter's Miraculous Escape from Prison. Key Verses 1-7: It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.



Verses 11-14 Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognised Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!"

Verses 16-17 But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison...

It is a common held conviction among faith-filled Christians that it takes power in prayer and often a volume of prayer "to get some jobs done" or secure a breakthrough.

Jesus made a revealing statement when He answered the disciples about their inability to drive out a deaf and mute spirit (see Mark (9:28-29) – "This cannot come out only by prayer." (some manuscripts add "prayer and fasting").

If ever power in prayer and a volume of prayer were needed it is in the deliverance and healing of schizophrenia, the worst-ever mental affliction/spiritual bondage of all.

But remember, while the power of prayer is needed to set free either a Christian or an unbeliever, God is so amazingly able to bring about deliverance and healing in a moment of time. He can work on His own or through a human agent filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

A pastor friend in India tells us of a man who had suffered with spirits of insanity for 35 years being set free in a moment of time. The son of the man (see picture on Homepage) asked the Christian visitor to

his village and home in Rajasthan: "Can your Jesus do anything for my father who has been mentally sick for many years?"

"Yes He can," the visitor replied. The father, who was always found wandering about the village - often drinking his own urine - was brought for prayer. In the Name of Jesus, the evil presence was bound and cast out, and he became completely free in a moment of time. The joy of freedom was immediately evident on his face.

Hope of being set free from schizophrenia and being totally restored is declared and sent out to you TODAY!! Any Christians reading this who have a heart to see a fellow-Christian schizophrenic set free are encouraged to get alongside those needing deliverance, and to pray them through.

In the few years of ministering Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals, we have been informed by loved ones or friends of long-standing bondage of schizophrenia among Christians. I challenge you to believe that these dear ones can be set free. Jesus is still well able to do it provided there is the required faith and power of prayer present.

The fact that there seems to be so few cases known to us of Christian schizophrenics being set free is no grounds to limit our faith. It's no argument or reason to withhold regular prayer which targets the release of the captives.

It is a sad commentary that secular groups, charities, and institutions have summoned up more help for the mentally afflicted, such as sufferers with schizophrenia, than the Christian church who alone should demonstrate having the complete answer of freedom and restoration.

Let's think how much you would be helped in becoming free from the bondage if ... 1. Faith and prayer existed in more Christians to bring you into freedom and 2. If they got alongside you with a volume of prayer storming heaven to see God intervene.

We need to mention that in order for prayer-warriors to arise there has to be an awareness through the revelation of the Holy Spirit what the bondage of schizophrenia consists of. It is of a spiritual nature requiring alone a spiritual answer of deliverance and healing from Jesus Christ.

Permanent freedom will never come from the various forms of drug therapy, which provide a temporary relief, or total reliance on the psychiatric world. Jesus, the Master Healer, needs to be brought on the scene and effect a powerful deliverance and healing. He alone has the remedy.

ENLIST AS MUCH PRAYER SUPPORT AS YOU CAN IN YOUR DESIRE TO BE FREE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA. Try to communicate with as many Christian friends and seek their prayers for you. You need the support of their prayers to endure, but also to have your mind influenced by the Spirit of truth. The light that comes from God's Word needs to be shining into your heart and affecting your mind as you pursue freedom in Jesus. My testimony is that at the time Tina contacted a group of close friends and relatives to pray for me, things began to move on my pathway to freedom. I was quickened to pray more myself, and divine impressions as a result of their praying began to flood into my mind. A strong desire to want to be free gripped my life. I began to take control over my life and took authority over spiritually dark forces contending for the ownership of my life.

IMAGINE HOW GOD CAN MAKE YOU STRONG THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF OTHERS. Our Scripture reading this week is a powerful one to contemplate. Here we see the Apostle Peter miraculously freed from a prison because the church prayed for him. The church that knocked at heaven's door for the release of Peter were interrupted by Peter knocking on the door of the home where they were meeting to be told their prayers had been answered. Who knows how God will answer the prayers of those friends who plead with heaven for you? Receiving the impact of the prayers of others is powerful enough to prepare you to obtain your own deliverance in the Name of Jesus. This is still the day of miracles in which God is showing His amazing power. All things are possible to him that can in Jesu's name believe, even to the point of defeating schizophrenia!!

YOU NEED THE PRAYERS OF CHRISTIANS TO BE ABLE TO BREAK THROUGH THE BARS OF IRON AND GATES OF BRASS. When Jesus died on the Cross, He not only paid the price of your sin and mine, but He opened up the release of spiritual power mighty for the pulling down of strongholds. The Apostle Paul said: *“The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”* 2 Corinthians 10: 4-5. It’s time to do exploits for yourself against the demonic powers of darkness in the Name of Jesus.

FINAL WORDS - Take hold of faith in Jesus today and believe that you have freedom in His finished work on the Cross. The power which raised Jesus from the dead can quicken you mightily, and lead you on to glorious freedom as you drive out the intruders of evil from your life.

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012: 29 Jan - A Strong Devotional Life With Jesus Releases Power to Defeat Schizophrenia

2011: 27 Feb - Never Minimise the Prayers of Others Helping You Defeat Schizophrenia

2010: 3 October - Reach Out and Trust a Christian Friend to Pray For You To be Delivered

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.



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.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6

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

If your law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, for by them you have preserved my life. Psalm 119: 92-93

The Weekly Encourager

4 November - Keeping Hope Alive To Defeat Schizophrenia

11 November - How Tina Got Through 21 Years Of Marriage After My Healing

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

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