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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to trust Jesus Christ to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22nd year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus

## A STRONG DEVOTIONAL LIFE WITH JESUS RELEASES POWER TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE'S  
GOSPEL CHAPTER 10: 1-37

Jesus Sends Out The Seventy-two: After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.



"When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

"When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into the streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

"Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths.

"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No-one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no-one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”

The Parable of the Good Samaritan: On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

He answered: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’, and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus. “And who is my neighbour?”

In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

“Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

It is absolutely necessary to maintain a strong devotional life in order to defeat schizophrenia. There may be long periods during which you feel that little progress is being made in unseating the demonic bondage.

But if you are maintaining faith in Jesus some vital steps towards deliverance are taking place. This is because you are receiving the light and truth of the Holy Spirit - a powerful abiding in Christ indeed giving strength to cause you to go on battling through to victory.

**Praise God that you have come to the knowledge that if this bondage in your mind is going to be defeated, the stronger power of the Holy Spirit will be needed to lead you out into your much-coveted freedom.**

As you break through to pray in faith to Jesus and carry through the discipline of reading His word – thus receiving words which are spirit and life into your heart and soul – you are gaining ground in a fight led by Jesus Christ, who has already won the victory for you.

Many Christian “schizophrenics” struggle to perform holding a regular quiet-time of waiting on God for His release of power and strength, but it can be achieved as the Holy Spirit quickens mightily and supplies all your need.

Medication is a great hindrance to a Christian feeling normal emotions and the peace of God. In a black chasm of losing all sense of feelings and being catapulted into loneliness, it is little wonder that even attempting to pray is too much effort at times. Only a triumph of faith over non-existent feelings can win the day.

I want to give you real hope today and say that your whole mental state can change leading to total freedom through the power of Jesus at work in you.

Hear this great promise referring to the power of Jesus: **“And if the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.” Romans 8:11**

Knowing it is the Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead who lives in you can so empower you to take control of your life. A spiritual militancy can begin to grip you. You may ask: “How dare a demonic presence seek to live in me when the dear Son of God died and rose again and has secured my freedom from such evil?”

Once you strongly resolve that no evil power is going to rob you any longer of your life created and redeemed by God, then you are on the right path to deliverance and healing.

During the months prior to God setting me free, I secured by faith the power of the Lord Jesus to quicken me in the fight. There was a momentum given to me by Jesus to oppose the dark spiritual forces in me. I knew there was a presence in my life competing with the Holy Spirit to destroy my life.

This realisation was much more stronger than knowing two natures conflicted in my life – the old Adamic nature and the new nature of Jesus; it was two kingdoms fighting for possession of my life.

My Mighty Healer and Deliverer, the Lord Jesus Christ, was fighting for me in the war which was a daily battle. The tension was with me right up to the time of going to bed and was present in my first waking moments.

In my own power, I would have lost the battle against the demonic forces seriously contending to destroy me, but King Jesus imparted His Holy Spirit's presence and power to pray in me the mind and will of God. This contest was the hardest thing I faced in my whole life.

**Even though your mind is still in bondage, God is strengthening your will to seek Him each day. These times with the Lord have more to do with survival and equipping you to fight the dark presence harassing your mind than of enjoying the presence of God.**

But be encouraged that when you become free, the devotional time with Jesus will take on a new enjoyment where freedom from schizophrenia will give way to a new blessing in which being in the presence of God is a sheer delight.

Right now you are battling in prayer and using the Word of God to become more than a conqueror through Christ who loved you.

God is watching over you as you take command of your will and He empowers your weakness as you seek His help. Suddenly, you are surprised by the inner strength the Lord is imparting. You just know He has drawn alongside you as the Mighty Warrior He is to equip you for the spiritual contest.

There is something happening in your spirit which begins to affect your mind. The ability to oppose the schizophrenia pressure is changing and the difference is that you are believing that with God helping you, this dark insidious power can be driven out.

You don't just seek God earnestly from the moment of waking up but there is gripping you life a desire to get alone with God to receive fresh strengthenings and enduement of power throughout the whole day.

A confidence is growing within you that your breakthrough is nearer than you think. Faith is now working in your life to such a degree that you do know the living word of God within you is a powerful source. You must, therefore, keep turning to it, memorising it, meditating on it and never allowing it to "depart out of your mouth." See Joshua 1:8

If you are in a job, don't be surprised if God puts within you the desire to steal away in your tea-breaks and dinner breaks to find a place where you can be refreshed in order to stand firm in the fight in which you are now engaged.

Nothing else matters but keeping in touch with God and maintaining His presence in your life. Only you and God know what is really taking place in your life; it's the start of the release of new power inside your being in which God is leading to His breakthrough enabling you to bind every evil presence in your life and commanding they leave in the mighty Name of Jesus Christ.

Remember that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. The Spirit that raised up Jesus from the dead is empowering you to claim the victory Christ gained on the Cross for you.

**HE WILL NOT DISAPPOINT!! FREEDOM IS ASSURED!! God cannot fail you - but everything depends on your ardent desire of faith to keep His touch of power on your life.**

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**FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive File:**

**2011** - 9 October: "Lord, My Deliverer, I Cry Out To You Again and Again;

**2010** - 8 August: Overcoming Fear About Schizophrenia In The Church

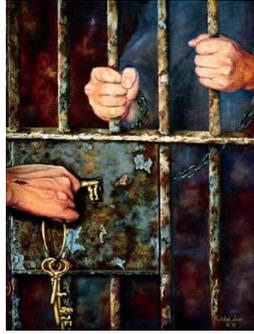
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*A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA:* "Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that 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 of your conquering Resurrection Presence. I want to know the reality of your promise that whoever follows you shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me 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, too, can also be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION**

**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 learn and commit to memory 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 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. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live for ever." He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. John 6:53-59

The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you. Psalm 9: 9-10

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, 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.

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### The Weekly Encourager:

**5<sup>th</sup> February - Pray Thoughts Of Freedom From Your Heart To Release Your Mind**  
**12<sup>th</sup> February – Becoming Free Ends All The Grief You Suffered With Schizophrenia**

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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*