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Weekly Encourager - 4 August 2019

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW STARTING HIS 30TH YEAR OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 31 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

PERSEVERE IN FAITH AND PRAYER WHEN THE LOAD OF SCHIZOPHRENIA WEARIES YOU

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS

LUKE CHAPTER 8: Key Verses 4-15:

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

His disciples asked him what this parable meant. He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand." "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 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."



The goal of persevering in faith and prayer is to see the defeat of schizophrenia – something which God Himself is standing by you to achieve.

As a Christian determined to come through this monster of mental bondages, you value leaning hard on God to provide all that is needed to conquer what is a spiritual battle.

In the course of battling through there are sure to be times when bouts of weariness exist until freedom comes as the demon behind the condition is cast out. Take heart that God is fighting with you.

Press on no matter how long or how hard is the journey of faith and prayer to your freedom. If on medication, the fight is bound to feel more difficult because of experiencing bad feelings in your mind on top of everything else.

Remember that you are a faith-filled traveller who is trusting the promises of God to bring you through. When Jesus died on the Cross, His victory included the defeat of all the work of Satan, your life-long enemy, including the conquest over schizophrenia.

When God puts the desire of freedom in your heart founded on inspired faith, hold on to it at all costs. No-one will get as concerned as you yourself to taste the full freedom of Jesus, apart from Jesus Himself.

He is so desirous of having you set free from all the work of Satan that He watches over your life every moment. Surrendering your life to Christ means that you can wholly trust everything to Him. He is working for your freedom right now to bring you out for good!

An important lesson God was always teaching me during 26 years of mental bondage of schizophrenia was in respect of learning to trust when feelings were so strong and wanted to control.

If I had followed my feelings caused through taking regular medication and having injections, I would never have kept turning up for work as a Post Office counter clerk. Some mornings, the very thought of getting out of bed and thinking of the long queues I would be meeting was enough to discourage me. I dreaded the routine of balancing each week. But faith triumphed over feelings.

But week in and week out, I was learning a precious lesson from the Lord over many years – that of trusting in God's word when feelings were constantly wanting me to give in and stop fighting.

You maybe at that very place today. It's easy for a Christian suffering with schizophrenia to want to throw in the towel and decide "every is just too much." Resist such a moment, for it will induce a state of passivity in your life out of which it is even harder to break free. Run to the Word of God and allow words which are spirit and life to rise from your spirit into your mind. Put on the whole armour of God so that you do not allow your mind to be taken over, even though voices from demon spirits contest ownership. No, never ever, give in!

REMEMBER TODAY – 1. PERSEVERE IN PREVAILING PRAYER WITH JESUS CHRIST IN THE HEAVENLIES. Prayer is not a one-sided affair. You are Christ's prayer partner and have been seated in the heavenlies beside Him on His throne. Your faith needs to be expressed in strong pleadings of prayer as you battle to defeat schizophrenia. In Christ, you are more than a match to defeat the bondage now gripping your mind. Allow Jesus to fortify your whole life – mind, will, emotions, and primarily your spirit with His Spirit and Word. Start binding the enemy (restricting its power) that has entered your life and know your confidence in God to start commanding that power to yield and be cast out.

2. ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR DESIRE DAY IN AND DAY OUT SO THAT YOU ARE IN A PLACE OF ADVANCING TO YOUR FREEDOM. During every day you need to stand fast in the liberty of Jesus Christ (see Ephesians 6 verse 10 onwards). Because you know Jesus and are being filled with His Spirit, a hunger and desire will grow within you to be set free. The days when you are battle-weary will still persist but press on in the strength of Jesus whose kingdom of power and might will increase your life. Remember, you have access to Jesus in heaven and can petition Him all the time for help and support.

3. PERSEVERE IN PREVAILING AS LONG AS SATAN KEEPS RESISTING AND HINDERING. It's no small matter to Satan that you have set yourself on a course of action to drive out his representative from your life. He will fight you on every front in respect of opposing your prayer – suggesting that you are too tired to pray or that prayer doesn't matter when you know it does. Nothing will please Satan more than to see you quit praying when you are in sight of driving out the spiritual darkness from your life. When you realise that Satan is fighting hard, your persevering in faithful prayer is advancing and worth all that it costs. Pray until the victory comes. Show the demon of schizophrenia the door and drive it out with all the authority that has been invested in you as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

FINAL WORDS from George Mueller: "It is not enough to begin to pray, nor to pray aright; nor is it enough to continue for a time to pray; but we must patiently, believing, continue in prayer until we obtain an answer."

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File

2018 25 February - Possessing The Power Of Precious Faith Equips You To Defeat Schizophrenia

2017 30 April - How To Survive When Schizophrenia Threatens To Steal Your Mind

2016 8 May - This One Thing I Know - 'Jesus's Love Never Failed Me Yet'

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 11 and 18 AUGUST 2019:

AWAY WITH THE STIGMA OF TALKING ABOUT HAVING SCHIZOPHRENIA

There was a time years ago when I used to be affected by the stigma of having had schizophrenia, but not now. What changed everything was the power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and His freedom which helped me see the worth He places on my life.

You may be suffering from carrying a measure of stigma in your life right now as you seek deliverance and healing out of this crippling mental bondage. True, it's much easier to cast off the "mark of shame" once Jesus has led you out into freedom than when you are ensnared in the bondage.

Only the restoring love of Jesus can effect such a transformation for you which can reach every part of your daily life. The power of such love is far beyond our thoughts and knows no limits or boundaries.

May I be allowed to encourage you TODAY to come through "downcast times" when a certain stigma of having schizophrenia invades. Perhaps you have longings for a time past when you were able, for example, to keep down a job and enjoy a "normal existence", but that seems a distant memory. In your more lucid moments, you hate the stigma that still emerges in your thoughts now and again.

Prayer offered in the name of Jesus Christ accomplishes the impossible and can rid you of every ounce of stigma about schizophrenia. Your petitions simply don't just hit the ceiling when offered in the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within you. They obtain answers, as Jesus promised (read Mark 11: 24).

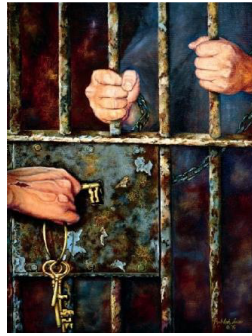
A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: *"Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that I might not have to die eternally. I believe that Jesus 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

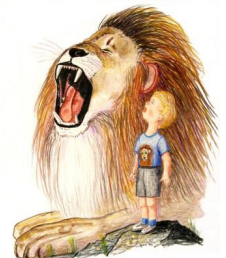
We are continuing to insert in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST will grow because the words will impart "spirit and life" into your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

The ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away. Isaiah 51: 11

(Jesus said) "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 truth." John 4: 23-24

Your ways, O God, are holy: What god is so great as our God? You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples. With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Psalm 77: 13-15

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