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Weekly Encourager - 4 November 2012

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

KEEPING HOPE ALIVE TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM 62:

Verses 1-2: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall never be shaken.

Verses 5-12: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken. My salvation and my honour depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.



Lowborn men are but a breath; the highborn are but a lie; if weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath. Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods; though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard; that you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving. Surely you will reward each person according to what he has done.

The freedom from schizophrenia you long for is gloriously possible the more you seek the face of Jesus Christ, life's Greatest Liberator.

Keep this in mind as you engage in all spiritual warfare and you will obtain His grace and strength to endure.

You will make it to the end and out into freedom if you continue to seek the face of Jesus. In order to have the Satanic stronghold around your mind defeated you have "to endure as seeing him who is invisible" (see Hebrews 11:27).

Don't give up because you think you are making little progress!! Feelings play a large part in your life, particularly if on medication, and the faith struggle you are in is so hard and long that you are tempted to get discouraged.

But every time you seek to be in the presence of Jesus and unload your complaint, be assured that heaven is watching. God is aware of everything in your life and what you are passing through. Seeking His face will enable you to find strength to go on, endure and conquer.

Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world poured out His life-blood for you and holds you in the hollow of His hand. He is not going to let you go. He will help you win the fight. He will carry you, sustain you, protect you, empower you and fill your life more and more with His victorious life leading to the defeat of schizophrenia and the release of His full freedom.

So keep up the habit of stealing away to Jesus to meet him in prayer. Take the Word of God with you into the quiet place and claim the unfailing promises in its pages for your life today. Hiding the truth of God's Word in your heart is establishing progress and leading you forward in your pursuit of freedom.

Understand that every Scripture you take into your heart and mind brings in divine light and truth – ammunition enough to fight the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia. Any voices you may hear from the demon of schizophrenia shake and fear when they are opposed by words which are "spirit and life."

The uneasiness of the battle raging in your life is just that – one of spiritual light and truth as a disciple of Jesus Christ versus the intruder of the demon of schizophrenia with a personality of his own contesting the ownership of your life.

You long to be free and for the battle in your mind to be over. Don't give up the fight of faith, though your day of breakthrough seems so long in coming. I understand exactly how you feel. I have been there. But let me encourage you by saying that God broke through in a moment of time and led me out of the prison-house of schizophrenia for good.

The contest between the Holy Spirit and the demonic stronghold in my life had lasted for 26 years. Quite a prayer marathon!! JESUS ALONE ENABLED ME TO ENDURE LONG YEARS!! He strengthened me. He held me up during numerous mental collapses. He brought me through the bereavement of my wife as well as help me hold down a full-time job. His hand was over me in the many visits to the psychiatric hospitals. Jesus loves you as much as anyone and He will be faithful in keeping you strong in His love.

Had there been enlightened prayer warriors committed to evict the nest of evil intruders in my life, deliverance and healing would have been much sooner. People did pray for me - of that I am fully aware and grateful - but the direct confrontation on my behalf against the intruders in my mind was missing.

Praise God, He made a way where there was no other way. It came through Jesus giving the strength to endure. God shone His light and truth into my life that enable me to keep my sanity. He directed me to meet him in the morning and during the course of the day to receive His unfailing strength to endure.

It wasn't a case of just having a quiet time in the morning. It was a discipline of rousing myself to meet Jesus and seek His face without which I could not have continued fighting in His strength. Because I kept down a full-time responsible job, it was necessary to be seeking God for two hours between five and seven o'clock before setting out for work. I could not face the day without that encounter with the Lord.

Like the Psalmist David who sought God early (Psalm 63), I knew the importance of rising early to look into the face of Jesus. What wonderful benefits there are in meeting God early – among the best being that you look into the face of God. Then you begin the day "strong in the strength that God supplies". You are equipped to maintain a spiritual battle for the eviction against a demonic presence contending for the control of your mind, and bent on destroying you.

Believe the truth today that every time you "come to God" in prayer and allow His grace to fill you, you are moving forward in your deliverance. Take heart from the Scripture that says: "Moses endured as seeing him who is invisible."

When you see God with the interior eye of faith, He will keep hold of you in the midst of all that you are facing. The kingdom of God is a powerful kingdom and we all just need to discover who it is who is living on the inside of us. None other, than the Lord of Hosts, God eternal, who did defeat Satan and every demon and broke their power over our lives for ever!!

May I challenge you today to be determined to give God the opportunity He is wanting to have in your life by seeking His face more. He is, as Scripture says, a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him (Matthew: 6:4).

He will become more precious to you than life itself. Your heart will run out in devotion to Jesus who has loved you and given HIMSELF FOR YOU. His love is so powerfully strong and will bring you through even the deepest mental bondage of schizophrenia. Believe it!!

Battling through in faith against schizophrenia involves a lot of care and strife – something which cannot be adequately faced unless the Holy Spirit is at the centre of your life and drawing you to Jesus.

All the strength you need to endure and defeat schizophrenia is to be found in your wonderful Saviour. Look more into His face day by day, and as sure as God's Word cannot be denied, your freedom will dawn and your gratitude and love to Jesus will fill your heart – and remain for the rest of your life.

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012: 21 February - Becoming Free Ends All the Grief Of Suffering With Schizophrenia

2011: 21 May - Allow God To Free Your Tightly-Closed Mind To The Schizophrenic Deliverance

2010: 19 December - It Is Ignorance And Fear About The Demonic That Delays Your Freedom From Schizophrenia

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.

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labour and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4: 9-10

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." John 8: 49-51

"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 a 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. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity..." Jeremiah 29: 11-14 part).

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

18 November - Testimony Of Deliverance And Healing By 28-years-old Bethany Behney From U.S.A

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 lifetransforming 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