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**SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 33 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION**

## **TRUSTING IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST WITH ALL YOUR HEART WILL KEEP YOUR SANITY AND WIN FREEDOM OVER SCHIZOPHRENIA**

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 9 Verses 18-33**

*A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman* While he was saying this, a ruler came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed from that moment.

When Jesus entered the ruler's house and saw the flute players and the noisy crowd, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

*Jesus Heals the Blind and Mute* As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed him, calling out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

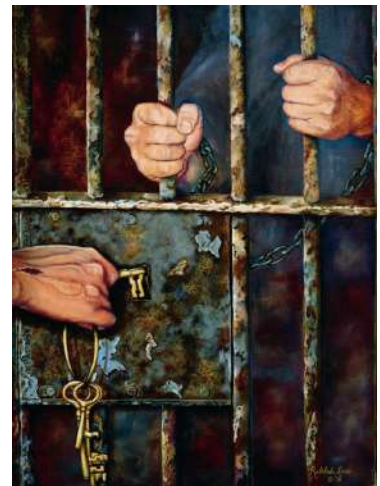
When he had gone indoors, the blind men came to him, and he asked them, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?"

"Yes, Lord," they replied.

Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith will it be done to you", and their sight was restored. Jesus warned them sternly, "See that no-one knows about this". But they went out and spread the news about him all over that region.

There are many precious lessons taught by the Holy Spirit I seek to pass on to Christian schizophrenics – among the most important of which is learning how to trust in Jesus Christ.

It would help and assist you in your battle against the evil invading the mind, if you ask God to deposit faith into your heart that will make you strong to both survive and triumph.



I am so grateful that God instructed me in the importance of having faith in Jesus Christ. Learning that FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD, FAITH RESTS IN THE POWER OF GOD & FAITH TRIUMPHS IN THE VICTORY OF GOD provided a strong resistance against the demonic spirit of schizophrenia.

Graduate in Christ's school of faith by learning these vital truths and you will survive the onslaughts of schizophrenia, as well as triumph over the bondage in the power of God!

Jesus Himself set such great store on having faith. In Matthew 21:21 it says: **Jesus replied: "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig-tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done. If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."**

Jesus expects to see us living our lives with a vital, conscious faith in Him. He is often restricted and prevented from moving in the area of deliverance and healing through lack of faith. Can you see the importance of having active faith in Jesus? He commended those having faith who came to be healed when He was on earth. He still looks for the presence of precious faith in OUR lives.

Remember that your life as a Christian is meant to be a life of faith, even though you suffer with schizophrenia. You are saved or born-again through having faith in Christ when through the operation of the grace of God you know your sins forgiven. More grace is received through faith. Be keen for the Holy Spirit to teach you that your life will greatly benefit in your quest to be free of schizophrenia as it is marked out by living, active, conscious faith in a Wonderful God who responds to precious faith!

**1. FAITH COMES BY HEARING THE WORD OF GOD:** "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." Romans 10:17. I was taught this truth in the early years of battling schizophrenia. Without it, I don't know how I would have survived 26 years of spiritual onslaught. I can remember the day when God spoke to me around 06.30 in the kitchen as I was seeking His face and reading the Scriptures. It was an earnest prayer. I said: "Lord, I want to know how to abide in you, how to live in you." I was directed to John 15 where Jesus says: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." There it was in a nutshell. God was guiding me to abide in Christ through knowing His words inside me. Then when I turned back a few pages and found in John 6, Jesus saying that His words "are spirit and life" it re-emphasised what I had just read. Since that Spring morning in 1968 I have endeavoured, though not always in the fullest way I should, to hold on to the important truth of hearing the Word of God.

Why is it so important to hold on to God's Word when hounded by a spirit of schizophrenia? Simply for this reason. The Word of God is truth and it is truth you need to both survive attacks and become strong to defeat schizophrenia. A spirit of schizophrenia comes from the camp of Satan. Satan is a liar and no truth dwells in him. When he speaks, as Jesus said, everything coming from him is a lie because he does not live in the truth. His purpose is to feed lies into our lives and his goal is "to steal, kill and destroy" as Jesus said. Knowing Jesus as your Saviour you have eternal Truth within your life. It is important to be filled with the abiding truth of the Holy Spirit through having living faith in the heart inspired by the active and abiding word of God. Read, memorise and use the truth of the Word of God to hold your ground when Satan comes to attack. The Word of God can so grow in you that it invades your thought life renewing each and every thought.

**2. FAITH RESTING IN THE POWER OF GOD.** The Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:5 "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power." So here is the experience of your life. As you have faith in Jesus Christ, the power of His grace is obtained and it flows into your heart. Every Christian needs to find this resting place in Jesus. It is all part of the abundant life that Jesus came to bring us. You may say that your life is

anything but restless because of the mad-activity of schizophrenia present. Your heart is disturbed and affected because the whole area of your mind is like a battle-field. So true! I've been there for more years than I care to remember. Today you may long to know all the benefits of the life that Jesus came to bring but at the moment FREEDOM has got to come to your mind. A very real bondage caused by demonic spirits has to be driven out. You may be doing all you know to become free in getting others to pray for you, standing fast in the liberty you have in Christ and yet this stronghold fixed in your mind is not shifting.

Keep trusting in the Lord with all your heart and you will prevent your mind from being "taken over". I realised that as long as I kept the word of God rising from my heart it prevented gaps in my thought-life which would have given Satan an opportunity to sow his lies into my mind. FROM THE HEART I KEPT THE HELMET OF SALVATION FULLY COVERING MY HEAD. This was a procedure I followed whether at work or leisure. What an emotional outlay it involved! But let me encourage you by saying that all the time I kept up this spiritual discipline, the presence and power of the truth of Jesus Christ was increasing in my life. Mixed in with all the trusting in Jesus was a huge resolve of will that was determined to get free of schizophrenia. All the time I was praying in the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus Himself was making intercession for me at the Father's right hand (Romans 8:34). He also makes intercession for you and will continue pleading because YOU belong to Him.

**3. FAITH TRIUMPHS IN THE VICTORY OF GOD:** "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work....This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God." 1 John 3:8 and 1 John 5:5 Isn't it just wonderful when you find Jesus Christ as your own personal Saviour and have a clear knowledge of what He has brought you through. He forgives you of your sin, wipes the slate clean, and restores you into a loving relationship of fellowship with God the Father. You understand that Jesus paid the price for you on the Cross of Calvary and how needful it was for the Holy Son of God to shed his blood in order to be forgiven. There comes the understanding that because Jesus died and was resurrected, you are now empowered to live possessing His glorious, victorious life. You begin to live in the power of His resurrection life and seek to glorify God in your body, soul and spirit. Such knowledge becomes so personal to you. Just think of it, Jesus Christ God's Son came from heaven to earth to die for you and me. That makes us special – though His sacrifice we know was for the whole world.

No matter what you go through, you know that your life is in the hands of Christ. He has not deserted you. He did promise "to be with you always", so you hold onto that promise. In the battle to defeat schizophrenia that is ensuing in your life you are thrown with all your resources of spirit and soul to resist the enemy who is against you. Despite how you feel, your faith remains in Jesus Christ whom you know. Sometimes it is only by a thread of faith that you keep hold of Jesus Christ – but remember He is watching over you and will never let you go. He gives the resources to survive by standing fast and strengthens the fight to obtain His freedom by defeating every evil spirit.

**FINAL THOUGHT:** Give some thought to knowing the ministry of Jesus through the Holy Spirit more and more in your life. Ask God to stir your heart as you seek to grow in living faith through hearing the word of God, and become more confident in prayer. Expect great things from God to happen as you assert the ownership of Jesus in your life and take authority in His Name over a spirit of schizophrenia by driving it out for good!

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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.

## PROCLAMATION TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL

I testify to Satan personally as to what the **word** says the **blood** does for me: <sup>1</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. <sup>2</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. <sup>2a</sup>

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. <sup>3</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, *just-as-if-I'd* never sinned. <sup>4</sup>

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. <sup>5</sup>

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, by the blood of Jesus. <sup>6</sup>

**Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.**

—by Derek Prince

### <sup>1</sup> Revelation 12:11

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." [That is, they testified to what the Word of God says about the blood of Jesus.]

### <sup>2</sup> Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace . . .

### <sup>2a</sup> Psalm 107:2

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy . . .

### <sup>3</sup> 1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

### <sup>4</sup> Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

### <sup>5</sup> Hebrews 13:12

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

### <sup>6</sup> 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

**FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files**

**2020** 3 May – Praising And Thanking The Lord Jesus Christ For 30 Full Years Of Permanent Freedom From The Hell of Schizophrenia

**2019** 10 March – How To Pray Effectively For The Protection And Freeing Of Your Mind

**2018** 11 February – Be Determined To Try For Victory Over Schizophrenia At Any Cost

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**WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 15 & 22 AUGUST**

**“FORGIVENESS IS THE PRIMARY WEAPON FOR BREAKING BONDAGES OF DARKNESS”**

***THIS WEEK’S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN’S GOSPEL CHAPTER 1***

*The Word Became Flesh (verses 1-18)*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

*Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.*

*There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.*

*He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband, but born of God.*

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

*John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ ” From the fulness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No-one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father’s side, has made him known.*

*I have a question for every born-again believer suffering with schizophrenia who is reading this Encourager. Ever thought how the lack of real forgiveness in your heart can hinder the defeat of schizophrenia and the dawning of a new-found freedom and life in Jesus?*

*Consider a couple of discerning quotes from two Christians. Firstly, Peter Wagner, says: “Forgiveness is the primary weapon for breaking bondages of darkness,” and words of a Christian psychiatrist: “If I were to obtain forgiveness for all the patients in my clinic, I would be able to discharge half of them tomorrow.”*

*Powerful words indeed! Satan is so adept at screwing up our thinking that he will seek to justify us not being involved in acts of forgiveness. But all such unforgiveness is sin. Jesus said: “For*

*if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” Matthew 6: verses 14-15.*

*Staying in unforgiveness is sin and sin hardens your heart. If your heart remains hardened how can the revelation of God’s Holy Spirit penetrate your life? You have cut yourself off through being unwilling to adopt a heart attitude of forgiveness. The only way back is to humble yourself and allow the grace of God to deal with you and restore you back into fellowship with him.*

*Having suffered confusion in my thoughts and decisions many times during a 26-year-long struggle with schizophrenia, I can underline the menacing strategy of Satan and demons to deceive a born-again Christian. He would seek to deceive you by saying that it’s quite in order to adopt an attitude of unforgiveness, suggesting, something like: “After all you have your rights to consider and can even blame those who could be responsible for the presence of schizophrenia in your life”.*

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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"

## **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

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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.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvellous things... You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in his distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat. Isaiah 25: 1&4

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1:9-14

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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-trying 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*

