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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 from the bondage and free of all medication for over 24 years - thanks to Jesus

FALLING MADLY IN LOVE WITH JESUS DEFEATS THE MADNESS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN
CHAPTER 17: Key Verses 6-19:**

Jesus Prays for His Disciples: "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name – the name you gave me – so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled. I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified".



Every person battling to defeat schizophrenia will succeed provided they are rightly related to Jesus Christ and know His victorious love reigning in their lives.

It's more than an uphill struggle and well nigh impossible to make it without knowing Jesus, but armed with the power of His love you can drive out the Satanic bondage.

A revelation from heaven is needed to understand just how much Jesus is committed to bring you out into freedom. It will fortify your wholehearted surrender to Christ with "heart, soul, mind and strength", firmly uniting you in love with Him. He will not let you go.

The resources needed to conquer schizophrenia must come from Jesus Christ – His power and love finding their way into the human heart – for this monster of spiritual darkness is so strong that apart from Jesus anyone will crumble into defeat.

I speak from personal experience. In 26 long and difficult years, the keeping power of Jesus Christ was present when the realm of thinking and the whole of life often did not make sense. But evil spirits regularly assailing my mind with real plans to destroy me were effectively withstood. Praise God!!

Feeling separated in a schizophrenic prison-house from the life I once knew, my only lifeline of hope and endurance was the knowledge that I had a Saviour who loved me. His love – faithful and true – provided the anchor through indescribable anguish, confusion, pain and despair. He is the same unflinching anchor TODAY for you, too, as you fight to gain His freedom.

The times of isolation spent in psychiatric wards were depressing occasions when my mind was heavily medicated resulting in a lethargic will and passivity. Ideal circumstances indeed for evil spirits to have a field-day!! But through it all I learned “to trust in Jesus, and learned to trust in God. And I learned to depend on His word.” You may feel today like the feeblest of all God’s saints as you contend the enemy in your mind, but remember - “the feeblest saint has won the day though death and hell obstruct the way.”

It is totally confusing to know what is going on in your life when the spirit of schizophrenia is making war and trying to master you. There’s only one thing you can do – and that is to trust in God in whatever way you can believing your lifeline to God will endure. And endure it will!! Praying will all kinds of prayer as you lean totally on Jesus allows Him to fight within you. (Ephesians 6:18).

We have only a limited knowledge of just how much Jesus loves us. We know His love is so vast and immense. Jesus came from heaven’s glory knowing in time on the stage of human history He would die to redeem us. That fact alone tells us so much we need to know. But as the hymnwriter puts it: “God only knows the love of God,” declaring that His love is much bigger, far grander, and deeper than we in our finite minds will ever know. How deep IS the Father’s love for us – but just how deep will for ever remain His secret alone.

We have little understanding of the magnitude of what it means to be purchased by the dear Son of God through the shedding of His precious blood. On the Cross of Calvary, Jesus through His death procured for each one of us eternal salvation. Our acceptance of His sacrifice for our sins through believing in Jesus in our heart and confessing with our mouth (Romans 10:9) puts His stamp of ownership upon our lives. We are saved by His blood and kept by the power of His blood in this evil world.

The ownership of Jesus over our lives also means that a disciple of Jesus has been sealed by the blood of Jesus. In 2 Corinthians 1: 21 are some revealing words: “Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” A 26-years-old friend from America who was set free from schizophrenia told us during a visit to our home that during the days of deliverance she heard a conversation between two demons who were soon to be driven out of her life. What was said revealed their inability to harm her life.

She heard one demon saying to the other: “We can’t touch her there because she is sealed.” Praise God for that wonderful note of the protection of Jesus. The power of the blood of Jesus over us has a powerful restraining impact against the forces of evil intent on carrying out their destructive plans against us.

I appreciated the difference the love of Jesus made in my life following conversion at the age of 14. The preciousness of knowing Jesus was indeed very special and remained right up to the time when schizophrenia dawned at 22. I sought to love Him with all of my life and grow in His love during those eight years. But my entire life changed when the demonic bondage reared its head and the precious, sweet fellowship hitherto enjoyed with Christ became like a thing of the past. That precious love of Jesus which kept me during the long stretch of imprisonment has now been wonderfully restored in my knowledge and enjoyment. His love remains the same for you, too, as you press on to seek Christ’s freedom. Keep hold of Jesus and the knowledge that He loves you so strongly as you press forward in driving out the presence of the schizophrenia spirit in your life.

So let us notice:

THE ENDURING FAITHFULNESS OF THE LOVE OF GOD The long imprisonment of schizophrenia went on for so many years that my love for Jesus waned many, many times – but His love overseeing my life never did. A unique attribute of the Lord Jesus Christ is that His Nature and His Name is love. He is a Faithful Lover to those who love Him and have committed themselves to Him. Right now you may have difficulties in being able to endure the mental load you carry. If you have tasted the love of God and the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore know God for yourself, that should be of immense comfort to you. Always believe that Jesus is there for you. Contrary to any feelings you may have, let faith arise in your heart to believe that this is a truthful saying: God is a faithful God whose faithfulness WILL NEVER FAIL.

Contending against schizophrenia is a real spiritual battle but the love of God stands alongside you in the Person of the Holy Spirit as your Comforter (Counsellor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener and Standby) see John 14:15 (Amplified New Testament). When you have to fight the fiercest of both spiritual and mental battles He is with you as a faithful friend to bring you through. Your freedom will appear when the love of God that Jesus has for you is IN YOU in real power. That love enables you to fight as someone seeking deliverance and healing from schizophrenia. It is a victorious love and as such ensures your freedom, so do all you have to in the warfare you are engaged in to drive out intruding spirits from your life in the Name of Jesus.

We must not treat the protection of the Lord so lightly for it was something Jesus asked the Father to do for His disciples prior to going to the Cross to die. Don't allow yourself to be spiritually short-sighted about the need to be fully protected by Jesus. Because He mentioned it specifically in His prayer to the Father for us it is a matter of real importance and something we all need to be constantly aware of.

PERFECT FREEDOM IS FOUND IN THE LOVE OF JESUS It is possible to be under such demonic attack through having schizophrenia that a person seeking to become free meets such opposition from the evil force within him. This is a most unpleasant experience. Knowing that Jesus died to set you free throws the full weight of your personality on Him for His strength and power – as sometimes you feel that the measure of freedom you have is being dragged away from you. You oppose every effort to snatch the love of Jesus from you and are determined not to allow it to happen. Knowing Jesus as your Saviour means you have experienced spiritual freedom. What you are at present battling with is an evil mental bondage seeking to expand into your whole life and impact your spiritual freedom. There is a spiritual threat on your life wanting to rob you of your freedom - it is at such a time that the love of love needs to be drawn on. The Holy Spirit will come alongside as both Standby and Comforter and help you win the contest.

In our reading, Jesus talks about the joy of His love being in us. I experienced the joy of Christ before schizophrenia dawned but I never knew the same joy during the whole time of battling with the condition. Even the joy of natural life was absent. But after deliverance and healing had taken place in my life the surge of joy returned. The delight of deliverance day itself was pure joy itself. For nearly 22 years the flow of spiritual joy has remained through my desire to abide in Christ and maintain His Victory. I pray you will know both freedom and its joy flowing into your life from Jesus Christ as soon as possible.

FINALLY - BE ENCOURAGED TO HOLD ON TO JESUS CHRIST KNOWING HE HOLDS ON TO YOU. HIS HOLD OF YOU IS MUCH, MUCH STRONGER THAN YOUR WEAK HOLD OF HIM. BUT YOU NEED HIS LOVE AND POWER WITHIN YOU THROUGH A LIVING, ACTIVE FAITH TO ENABLE YOU TO HOLD ON TO CHRIST. ONLY THE STRONG LOVE OF JESUS CAN DEFEAT THE MADNESS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA – SO KEEP MADLY IN LOVE WITH THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD. NEVER LET THE KNOWLEDGE YOU HAVE OF BEING SAVED FOR ALL ETERNITY BY JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH FOR YOU ON THE CROSS EVER LEAVE YOUR LIFE. IT'S HARD FIGHTING A FOE THAT IS "IN" YOUR LIFE - BUT THE LOVE OF JESUS CAN STRENGTHEN, SUPPORT AND EQUIP YOU TO WIN THE FIGHT INTO HIS FREEDOM!!

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

2012 - 22 April: It's Real Hope Jesus Gives In Defeating Schizophrenia

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

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.

(Jesus said): "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one that this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if do what I command. John 15: 9-14

"Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60: 1-2

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No-one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 1 John 4: 9-12

The Weekly Encourager:

16 September: "I ADMIRE THOSE WHO BATTLE THROUGH SCHIZOPHRENIA, THE DEEPEST, MOST INVOLVED AND MOST DETERMINED DELIVERANCE"

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

