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(from James Stacey: scriptural advice and insight on how to be set free from schizophrenia)

THE DAY YOU CAN'T GO ON ANY LONGER, JESUS SETS YOU FREE

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 5 : Key verses 24-30 Life Through the Son: "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out – those who have done good will rise to live, and those who have done evil will rise to be condemned. By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me".

Sadly, many Christians have lost sight of the importance of reading and knowing God's word, The Bible, and consequently no longer possess in their minds and hearts the sure and certain promises contained therein. Every born-again schizophrenic would advance in moving into God's freedom if they took the trouble to read, mark and inwardly digest the unique word of God for it creates faith necessary to secure deliverance and healing.

You may want to be free of the psychotic illness which dogs your life, yet you are not serious about the Truth. I know that fighting through passivity caused by medication after-effects is a battle and a half, but you have got to contend for your freedom. Not only has the Word of God spoken by Jesus power to set you free, it can sustain you in the heat of the battle praying to get there.

Consider!! If you think you can defeat in your own strength the demonic stronghold which causes schizophrenia, then think again. You need the power of the Word of God both to fight with and for you. The Holy Spirit (the living presence of Jesus) will reveal that word to you each and every day of your struggle. Don't expect to muddle through without both sources of power - God's Word and God's presence – reigning and ruling at the heart of your life.

Get as many Christians supporting you in prayer as you can. Implore them as to the importance of just how much you need their help. Ask for meaningful intercessions on your behalf for more spiritual light and power to enter you. For if there is one thing that is certain, it is this – as you begin to face the demons within who have made their home in your life, they will not leave without a fight. Don't let this surprise you, it is what normally happens. Because demons (spirit beings without bodies) desire to keep their home in your body so that they can carry out their own desires and fulfil their own purposes there, they will not want to leave.

Because the demon of schizophrenia has been allowed to sow spiritual darkness into your life, you must look to Jesus for spiritual light from his Word to oppose its presence. It won't shift if you seek to oppose it in your strength. More light will come into your life from your own prayers and those of other Christians. But don't be surprised if your first efforts in "showing the demons the door" only meets with resistance. When you start getting serious about driving it from the corner towards the door, you'll know you are really in a fight. But it's not the time to give in or say, "I can't go on with this any longer". God put resolve into my spirit to get the nest of demons out while working in a regular full-time job. He can give you faith and determination as well.

The important strategy you have to adopt is to keep hold of Jesus and His Word day after day. Ask God to show you what standing fast in the faith is all about. In short, it means beginning the day with Jesus, holding onto him as you progress towards his freedom, and finishing the day with him having everything intact. Read Ephesians Chapter 6: 10-18 for instructions on how to live as a soldier of

Jesus Christ – memorise the verses, turn them over in your thoughts and use them in prayer in the Name of Jesus against the demonic presence.

On your road to freedom and the exorcising of the demons, your confidence in what you “are about” will grow. You’ll be gripped by the fact that it’s no big deal for you and Jesus to oust demon spirits that are bothering you, because the magnitude of the power of His Word has been revealed to your heart and mind. Because, “**The Son is ... the exact representation of his (God’s being), sustaining all things by his powerful word,**” (Hebrews 1: 1-3) you’ll just know that He is sustaining YOU by the same powerful word.

As you are fighting the fight of faith, you will become aware of the bigness of God and the greatness of His ability to set you free. The “everything is possible for him who believes” promise (Mark 9:23) is uppermost in your thinking. Who knows, on a day you least expect it – this was how it happened for me – when perhaps you are feeling weary in pressing in with your prayers for freedom, the Lord could well move and release the freedom you are seeking.

I was wonderfully surprised on a sunny Bank Holiday Monday way back in 1990 when Jesus set me free.* Hearing a list of complaints about being tired of fighting “this inner, hidden foe”, my Mighty Deliverer came down in power and announced in my spirit that by the end of the day I would be a free man. The vials in heaven were full with the prayers of the saints and my prayers. There was enough to get the job done and God commanded the angels to release the answer to earth. I knew in a moment then that the casting out of demons was a “done deal” and my freedom was there for the taking. God had spoken his powerful word. A word powerful enough to set me free and keep me free for over the past 20 years. (*Read the account in Schizophrenia Defeated Chapter 9 [click here](#)) Have faith in Jesus to do the same for you, too!!

IF YOU WISH TO INVITE JESUS CHRIST INTO YOUR LIFE, DO PRAY THE FOLLOWING PRAYER: “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 sin that separates me from you and acknowledge the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me. 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 enable me to know your power as I believe that my mind too can also be completely set free. 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 at the bottom of the Weekly Encourager, some powerful Scriptures for you to learn and commit to memory and 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 to know the deliverance and freedom of Jesus.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding-place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Psalm 32: 6-7

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. John 16: 13-14

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. Mark 1: 32-34

The Weekly Encourager:

18th July: The mind of the Spirit overcoming the schizophrenic mind

25th July: Should I come off all my medication, or not?

You maybe reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time as you've stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or maybe, you've been looking at W.E. every week 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 in your life and mine, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit, to everyone accepting his sacrifice. 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!!

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Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals



"I will proclaim your mighty acts,
O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16