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Weekly Encourager – 11 September 2011

Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22nd year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus Christ

ASSERT THE OWNERSHIP OF JESUS OVER YOUR LIFE TO EVERY DEMONIC VOICE

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 10: Key Verses 1-10: The Shepherd and His Flock (Jesus said) "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. (verses 14-18) "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me – just as the Father knows me and I know the Father – and I lay my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life – only to take it up again. No-one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."



The purpose of asserting the ownership and Lordship of Jesus over your life to every demonic voice is to drive them out once and for all.

The authority you have in declaring a statement that a demonic presence has no legal right to be in your life because Jesus died on the Cross for you and defeated Satan's authority there, is a dynamite-blast to every dark, evil presence.

Provided it is true right now you have not given any legal right to the enemy, you can possess and use authority from Jesus himself that can be wielded in faith effectively against a spirit of schizophrenia.

We have to keep returning to the issue of defeating strange and tormenting voices in order to become free of schizophrenia. Total spiritual freedom will only come to your life when the demons have been ousted – and their voices, too.

Without accepting this sure and certain evidence of a demonic presence behind schizophrenia in your life, you will lack the knowledge of what is causing your bondage condition, and what needs to be done to gain your freedom.

In any fighting situation, it is imperative to know two things - the kind of enemy you are facing and the necessary steps to defeat them to bring a victory.

It is just the same in respect of battling schizophrenia. Without a true knowledge of the real nature of the psychotic bondage, you will be lacking true understanding in your assessment of what is causing you to suffer in the way you do, and what needs to be done.

If a psychiatrist – and we appreciate their efforts – lacks a Biblical understanding of schizophrenia, despite all his training, you may find he could well prescribe excessive dosages of psychotic drugs permanently damaging your mind. Your fight to become free could become much longer because heavy medication can easily make your will completely passive. There could even be a difference of opinion between two psychiatrists over how long you need to be on drugs.

How comforting and instructive to know the teaching of Jesus which appears in our Bible reading for this week. If you have received Jesus by faith, you will understand the preciousness of His Words speaking about hearing His voice.

As a disciple of Jesus, the voice you hear within your innermost being is the voice of the Holy Spirit, the very living presence of Jesus, who has come to live in your life. Developing your inner, hearing ear and knowing heart to the voice of the Holy Spirit is such a precious experience.

Little wonder, therefore, that having got used to hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit, and enjoying sweet fellowship with Jesus as a result, you oppose the arrival into your life of “another voice”, the moment schizophrenia dawns.

Because you know “the voice of the Shepherd” you do not recognise this other voice now seeking attention and wanting the control of your life, in order to bring you to destruction. I well remember the confusion in my own life the day “another intruding voice” showed up in my personality. As Jesus said, I didn’t follow the voice of strangers.

How pleased I am that through the hell of 26 years, the Holy Spirit would not let me rest in welcoming this other voice and receiving it!! I never made fun of it or talked to it. The spiritual battle lines were drawn the very first day, without knowing much about the tactics of the enemy wanting to control and destroy me.

You and I were only made for the God who created us!! We were created to have enjoyable fellowship with him all our days. Both you and God are totally opposed to any evil power assaulting your life with its own Satanic personality armed with an evil voice. You were meant to share your life with God alone.

Let me accurately enact what happens when another invading voice of the schizophrenia type erupts on your life!! You are thrown into total confusion because the voice that is now very real is the voice of a stranger and is not meant to be there.

If is only because you know Jesus as the Good Shepherd, as one of “his sheep”, that your reaction and resistance against this other voice is so vehemently opposed. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit who stirs you up in faith to oppose it.

The most wonderful experience for a born-again Christian who has encountered the presence of a spirit of schizophrenia in their life is that having driven it out, they are restored back into real fellowship with Christ.

When you exorcise the evil spirit from your life using the authority given you by Christ, then you taste the power of the truth of Christ’s freedom. Jesus said to the Jews who believed in him: **“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.**

FINAL THOUGHT: At any cost, keep hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, in any conflict against Satanic voices in your mind. The same power of the voice of the Holy Spirit that helps you win the conflict against intruding voices, will live on in your life when the fight has been won – but this time enjoyed without any more interfering control.

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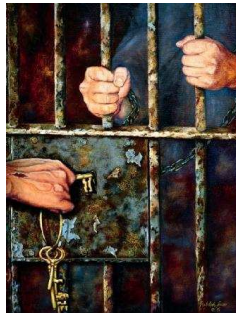
2010 26 September: *Know Your Authority In Jesus Before Expelling The Demon Of Schizophrenia*

A PRAYER OF HOPE: "Dear Loving Heavenly Father, as I continue to remember the celebration of the death and resurrection of your dear Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ will you come and make His sacrifice so 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. Thank you, Jesus, for taking my sins and my sorrows and for making them your very own. By the power of your shed blood, I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of your grace and power which enables me to live for you. I am looking forward to the day – why not today, O Lord? – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You my Lord to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light of your conquering Resurrection Presence. I want to know the reality of your promise that whoever follows you shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me 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, too, can also be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. 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 in the Weekly Encourager some powerful Scriptures to learn and commit to memory 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) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Matthew 7: 7-8

On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. Psalm 63: 6-8

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. Ephesians 6: 10-11

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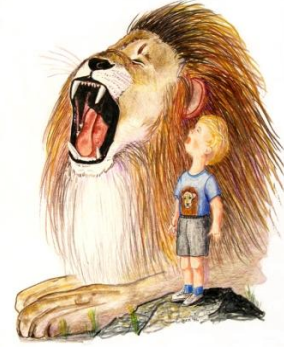
18 September: Keeping Faith When You Do Not Feel The Presence of God

25 September: God's Guiding Hand Is Mighty As You Travel Schizophrenia's Untried Way

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