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Weekly Encourager – 13 March 2011

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

## HOW TAKING PALLIATIVE DRUGS CAN INFLICT DAMAGE ON YOUR NATURAL MIND

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 15: Selected verses 1–8: (Jesus said) "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken unto you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. Verse 26 "When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning."**

It was not until the literal power of God's Holy Spirit had blasted wide open the prison door of bondage around my mind that I began to fully understand the devastating damage of drugs on my mind over the course of 26 long and difficult years.

Though the suffering incurred during this short eternity is something I shall never have to endure again, I am thankful God took me through the pain of it all in order to know what every schizophrenic endures when his/her mind is bombarded with medication.

Psychiatrists and mental workers do not have a clue of the unending struggle a schizophrenic faces the moment so-called palliative drugs are prescribed. Unable to slip inside the skin of a patient, they stand a million miles away from the toxic dump unleashed into the life of the one they are supposedly seeking to help.

When my moment of glorious freedom dawned, a flood of discernment and insight of truth from the Holy Spirit filled my life regarding the bondage I had just left behind.

Walking out of my prison cell, I understood more about the strong bars of iron and gates of brass that had wrapped themselves around my natural mind for so long.

Here was the revelation!! The demonic forces that had for so long fancied their chances of finishing me off on many occasions had been given unlimited help and assistance through the paralysed hold on my mind that palliative drugs had caused.

Hellish, evil spirits seeing the passive state I was lulled into every time heavy, confusing drugs were unloaded into my mind, watched for my moment of weakness and their hour of opportunity to move in, overpower and finish me off.

This is not being "over the top" or "an exaggeration", but understand this inescapable fact ... every day schizophrenics like yourself the world over face this persistent dilemma of how to keep alive as drugs enslave and inactivate the will and mind as you become a prey for invading spirits intent on your destruction.

It's an uphill battle you yourself are fully aware of as you are progressively lulled into a fixed state of passivity through drug-taking aimed at containing your confusion and insanity.

Of course, the psychiatric world are trying to help in the only they know how - without the guidance of the greatest Healer of all, the Lord Jesus Christ; but try to understand as you are receiving medication

that the volume you take must not be allowed to completely inactivate your will and make it easy for demonic forces to invade.

To those professionals in mental health without knowledge of the evil forces of darkness, such mentions will be viewed as off-centre and even ludicrous, but the truth must come and things told as they really are.

Schizophrenics are losing their lives every day because strong voices of invading spirits are controlling lives so powerfully since no resistance can be summoned from wills drugged up to the eyeballs as Satan and his cohorts are able to spread spiritual darkness into precious lives. Many were the times in my own life that demonic forces fancied their chances of completing their plans of destruction over me. But for the greater forces of Jesus in heaven standing and fighting with me as the Holy Spirit became my Standby and Weapon, I would have been at the bottom of a river or met some other suicidal end through accepting the endless, destructive suggestions pressed into my mind "to end it all as it would soon be over."

With Jesus, I fought many battles and unpleasant contests before He swept His freedom into my life. The issue I faced over many years was about, "Should I come off my drugs now?" The decision was made more difficult when two psychiatrists I came under on separate occasions contradicted each other in the advice they gave me.

Had it not been for the correct counsel of a mature Christian worker who advised me not to come off my drugs "until the Lord told me to", no doubt I may have abandoned my strict regime of turning up for injections and medications.

Herein lies the dilemma for many Christians suffering with schizophrenia who come off their drugs before GOD really tells them to. Because schizophrenia shows a confused mind, there is a problem in recognising the real voice of the Holy Spirit and schizophrenics can abandon their drugs ahead of God guiding them to do so.

But what a delicate balance to maintain!! Every schizophrenic has times when he/she would like to bin the drugs or not turn up for the psychotic injections and be free of all associated adverse effects. How to conduct your life when all hell is breaking loose in your mind each day is no small problem to face.

Contending against schizophrenia is a constant spiritual war. It's a demonic stronghold. You and every other sufferer needs help to come through. But Satan's game is to wear you out bit by bit. He'll follow a relentless programme of DECEPTION, PASSIVITY and ENTRENCHMENT until he can perform his master stroke of DESTRUCTION!!

It is high time for Christians armed with both the truth of the Holy Spirit and the compassion of Jesus to come alongside so many desperate lives who have a heart-cry to be free. I can think of no other group of people needing HELP so urgently. Mental bondage caused by the invasion of evil spirits REALLY EXISTS - where it can be plainly seen that "the enemy (Satan) seeks to steal, rob and destroy" on a scale unparalleled.

*PRAY UNTIL SCHIZOPHRENIA HEALS* exists to declare a voice to the world that JESUS ONLY is the One who can provide the promised real hope out of such a confused maze of insanity into a freedom which restores a normal and balanced "life in God."

Praise God for the victory of Jesus on the Cross of Calvary!! Satan and the entire kingdom of darkness were dealt a death-blow there, and the power of Jesus's triumph secured for every schizophrenic the world over a full, perfect freedom restoring fellowship with God at the deepest level. Hallelujah!!

**AWAKE CHRISTIAN CHURCH THROUGHOUT THE WORLD to this unrelenting campaign of evil that demonic forces are engaged in every day to captivate the minds and enslave the wills of people ... AND BEGIN TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE IN THE FREEDOM WON BY JESUS!!**

We need to ask God for forgiveness that in one breath we have claimed that Jesus can deal with every condition known to man, yet at the same time have bypassed the big issue of setting mental captives free and restoring them in the power of the Name of Jesus.

“Inspire us LORD GOD that with You all things are possible. Amen” (Mark 11:24)

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**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 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.

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### **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

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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.

He (Jesus) said to them: ... But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1: 8

For he (Jesus) healed many, so that those with diseases were pushing forward to touch him. Whenever the evil spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, “You are the Son of God.” But he gave them strict orders not to tell who he was. Mark 3: 10-12

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 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

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## **The Weekly Encourager**

**20 March: How to Make Sure You Get Refreshing Sleep Instead of Endless Galloping Thoughts**

**27 March: The Importance of Asking God To Show You The Truth About The Darkness of Schizophrenia**

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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-versed 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*