

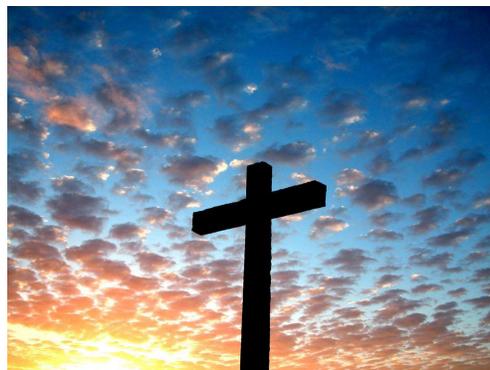


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Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22<sup>nd</sup> year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus Christ

## PERSEVERE IN SEEING THE FACE OF JESUS AS YOU BATTLE THROUGH TO FREEDOM

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JEREMIAH Chapter 29: 10–14** This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfil my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. 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. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”



The freedom from schizophrenia you long for is gloriously possible the more you seek the face of Jesus, life's Greatest Liberator.

Keep in mind in all your spiritual battle and warfare that you must continually see the face of Jesus to obtain His grace and strength to endure.

You will make it to the end and out into freedom if you continue to see the face of Jesus. In order to have the Satanic stronghold around your mind defeated you have “to persevere in faith as seeing him who is invisible” (see Hebrews 11.27).

Don't give up because you think you are making little progress!! Feelings play a large part of your life, particularly if on medication, and the faith struggle you are in is so hard and long that you are tempted to get discouraged.

Whenever you steal away to find the Presence of Jesus and unload your complaint, be assured that heaven is watching and aware of everything you are passing through. Seeing His face will enable you to find strength to go on, endure and conquer.

Jesus, the Saviour of the world, poured out His life-blood for you and holds you in the hollow of His hand. He is not going to let you go. He will help you win the fight. He will carry you, sustain you, protect you, empower you and fill your life to overflowing with His victorious life enabling you to defeat schizophrenia and enjoy the release of His full freedom.

So keep up the habit of stealing away to Jesus to meet him in prayer. Take the Word of God with you into the quiet place and claim the unfailing promises in its pages for your life today. Hiding the truth of God's Word in your heart is establishing progress and leading you forward in your pursuit of freedom.

Understand that every Scripture you take into your heart and mind brings in divine light and truth – ammunition enough to fight the spiritual darkness of schizophrenia. The voices you hear from the demon of schizophrenia shake and fear when they are opposed by words which are “spirit and life.”

The uneasiness of the battle raging in your life is just that – one of spiritual light and truth as a disciple of Jesus Christ versus the demon intruder of schizophrenia with a personality of his own contesting the ownership of your life.

You long to be free and for the battle in your mind to be over. Don't give up the fight of faith, though your day of breakthrough seems so long in coming. I understand exactly how you feel. I have been there. But let me encourage you by saying that God broke through in a moment of time and enabled me to drive out the demon of schizophrenia for good.

The contest between the Holy Spirit and the demonic stronghold in my life had lasted for 26 years. Quite a prayer marathon!! JESUS ALONE ENABLED ME TO ENDURE LONG YEARS. He strengthened me. He held me up during numerous mental collapses. He brought me through the bereavement of my wife and helped in holding down a full-time job. His hand was over me in the many visits to the psychiatric hospitals.

Praise God, He made a way where there was no way. He is, you remember, THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE, John 14:6. Jesus gave the strength to persevere in faith. God shone His light and truth into my life and enabled me to keep my sanity. He directed me to meet him in the morning and during the course of the day for His strength to keep pressing forward in the fight to become free.

It wasn't a case of just having a brief quiet time in the morning. It was a discipline of rousing myself to meet Jesus and see His face. That encounter enabled me to continue fighting in His strength. Because I kept down a full-time responsible job, it was necessary to be seeking God for two hours between five and seven o'clock before setting out for work. I could not face the day without that encounter with the Lord. True, to His Word, God met with me every time I sought him!!

Like the Psalmist David who sought God early (Psalm 63), I knew the importance of rising early to look into the face of Jesus. What wonderful benefits there are in meeting God early – among the best being that you look into the face of God. Then you begin the day "strong in the strength that God supplies". You are equipped to maintain a spiritual battle for the eviction against a demonic presence contending for the control of your mind, and bent on destroying you.

Believe the truth today that every time you "come to God" in prayer and allow His grace to fill you, you are moving forward to your deliverance. Take heart from the Scripture in Hebrews 11: 1-2: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for.

When you see God with the interior eye of faith, He will keep hold of you in the midst of all the events of life you are facing. The kingdom of God is a powerful kingdom and we just need to discover Who it is living on the inside of us. None other, than the Lord of Hosts, God eternal, who did defeat Satan and every demon and broke their power over our lives for ever.

Make I challenge you today to be determined to seek the face of God more and prove for yourself that indeed he is "a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."

He will become more precious to you than life itself. Your heart will run out in devotion to Jesus who has loved you and given HIMSELF FOR YOU. His love is powerful enough to bring you through even the deepest mental bondage of schizophrenia. Believe it!!

Battling through in faith against schizophrenia involves a lot of care and strife – something which cannot be adequately faced unless the Holy Spirit is at the centre of your life and empowering you.

All the strength you need to endure and defeat schizophrenia is to be found in your wonderful Saviour. Look more into His face day by day, and as sure as God's Word cannot be denied, your freedom will dawn and your gratitude and love to Jesus will fill your heart for the rest of your life.

## IN YOUR PRESENCE O GOD

In Your presence that's where I am strong  
In Your presence oh Lord my God  
In Your presence that's where I belong  
Seeking Your face touching Your grace  
In the cleft of the Rock in Your presence oh God

Lynn Deshazo

FOR FURTHER READING: - See Archive File:

### **2011**

27 March, *Dwelling In God's Light Will Reveal The Darkness Of Schizophrenia*

13 February, *Praising God and Declaring His Glory Will Conquer The Demon Of Schizophrenia*

### **2010**

10 October, *Hide Yourself Away With God And Receive Strength To Defeat Schizophrenia*

1 August, *How To Find a Resting Place With God In Prayer As You Fight To Become Free*

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 set free and I am now 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 bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. Yes, all the darkness driven away by the light of your Resurrection Presence. In the Mighty Name of Jesus, I pray, Amen.

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### **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"

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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, 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

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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.

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labour and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe. 1 Timothy 4: 9-10

"I am not possessed by a demon," said Jesus, "but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." John 8: 49-51

"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 a 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 part).

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### **The Weekly Encourager**

**21 August: Meeting God Early Will Keep Advancing Your Fight To Become Free**

**28 August: Taking On The Light Yoke Of Jesus Helps Defeat the Burden 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-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*