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

DISCOVER THE PRECIOUSNESS OF FAITH IN YOUR PURSUIT OF FREEDOM

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MARK CHAPTER 11 : Key Verses 20-25: Have Faith in God: In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig-tree withered from the roots. Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" Have faith in God," Jesus answered. "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."

If there was a verse of Scripture from the lips of Jesus which every Christian struggling with schizophrenia needs to adopt as their own personal motto it is the much-loved promise found in Mark 11 verse 24: **"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."**

In your own quest to reach God's purchased freedom and realise that "life is mine to live", it will take every bit of reliance on Jesus to get you there – be completely assured.

For your mind and life has become so embroiled in demonic darkness that it is only the Divine intervention of Jesus who can burst open life's most complicated mental prison-house.

Think for a moment what you are going through. In the desire to become free, you are contending against a personality inside your own, feeding insidious thoughts and bent on complete mastery and destruction.

While endeavouring to find and live to the guidance and dictates of the Spirit of God and possess the mind of Christ, you are often utterly confused.

One day, you may think that a line of discipline being pursued is definitely of God, then the next it is questioned according to how much spiritual light is shining into your spirit from the Holy Spirit.

That's why it is such a battle to fall out of agreement with the voices and personality of the demon of schizophrenia who all the time schemes to draw other spirits to overwhelm your life as a disciple of Jesus.

BUT HERE IS THE GOOD NEWS!! The power of the Lord Jesus Christ is stronger than the kingdom and power of darkness of Satan. Through living, active and conscious faith **YOU CAN HAVE** the promised freedom of Jesus for you own.

Let's talk about **FAITH** – the kind that wins the day; the kind that asserts itself in the finished work of Jesus who really did defeat all the powers of the devil. It's that kind of faith that is required. Faith that dwells in Jesus and His Word. Read the Word of God to build up your faith!! Memorise it. Remember: **"... faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God,"** (Romans 10 verse 17)... **"and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him."** (Hebrews 11 verse 6). Desire to have a heart with every thought renewed in Jesus.

All the resources of heaven are available to you. Other Christians with a compassionate heart are ready to stand with you to make you strong in prayer and help you in the fight to become free. Seek them out!! Yes, don't minimise how much you need the prayers of God's people. Do enlist their help.

Cry out to God for the faith that brings deliverance. Get alone with the King of kings and LORD of Lords who is aware of your every move and stands to give you his strength every moment. The resources of heaven are on your side to command demonic presences in your life to leave. Pray on!! Keep believing!! Strength is promised to enable you take control of your life and move into the freedom of Jesus from schizophrenia through deliverance.

If you think that the fight to become free is too hard and you'll never make it, know this... every day you stand in the liberty of Jesus, your possession of God, and His possession of you, will grow and grow.

Your tiring, even exhausting fight at times, will see its reward. The prison gates will yield as you strongly resist any presence in your life except Jesus. You will come through with God's purchased freedom through His Son Jesus Christ fully yours.

Don't give up. Never throw in the towel. Jesus is making you strong and you know that in his strength YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS.

Faith in Jesus comes at a price. The Bible rightly calls it "precious faith" (1 Peter 1 verse 7). Faith in Jesus is so very, very precious. Not faith in faith, but living, vibrant, dynamic faith in your precious Saviour, Jesus Christ. Pray – "Give me the faith that can remove and sink the mountain to a plain".

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.

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): “The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” John 6: 63

(Jesus said): “Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time.... Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.” Mark 4: 15-17 & 20

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light. Psalm 36: 9

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28 November: Use the Power of the Supernatural Weapon of Prayer with the Authority of a Faith That Commands As Well As Asks

5 December: God’s Strong Hand is Holding You Fast – He Will Not Let You Go and Will Fight Until You Are Free

You maybe 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

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