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Weekly Encourager – 19 December 2010

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

IT IS IGNORANCE AND FEAR ABOUT THE DEMONIC THAT DELAYS YOUR FREEDOM FROM SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS ISAIAH CHAPTER 9: Key verses 2-7: (To Us a Child is Born): The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as men rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

It is a sad fact to contemplate that a large number of Christians suffering with schizophrenia will never be released into the full freedom of Jesus until fellow Christians have faith to believe that the spiritual bondage can be defeated.

A giant stumbling block of unbelief has got to be removed and give way to a firm conviction about the demonic nature of the psychotic condition. Without receiving such a breakthrough in spiritual understanding, Christians will remain unable to be fruitful to you in being an instrument of deliverance and healing.

I had no need to remain in a schizophrenic prison for 26 years if members of the church of Jesus Christ had been spiritually aware of my plight. How pathetic that no-one seemed to realise that it was Satan himself who was behind the so-described mental illness that robbed, stole and would have destroyed my life!!

Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals (PUSH) has a desire to do what it can to see that countless thousands of Christian believers throughout the world DO NOT spend anything like a similar time in a mental prisonhouse deprived of the deliverance and healing from Jesus Christ, the Conqueror of schizophrenia.

May I tell you of the time when I seriously began to tread the pathway to deliverance and healing. It all started in the autumn of 1987, 23 years into the bondage. It followed meeting my future wife, Tina, who after a few months set in motion a serious Prayer Force among a group of caring Christians, focused on praying to help set me free.

Up to that time, I had prayed constantly just to keep alive. But then the prayer activity changed to be the aggressive, militant kind to defeat demonic forces behind the schizophrenia in my life. Prayers of others launched me into a deeper spiritual battle against the obvious powers of darkness at war with the Spirit of Jesus within. It stirred me to pray one day at work to resolve to hide myself away in the toilets during my tea-breaks and dinner-breaks and pray to Jesus until He broke the power of the demons present in my life – schizophrenia, religious spirit and suicide – contesting for my destruction.

As a Christian suffering with schizophrenia you yourself are in no doubt as to the demonic evil behind the condition. Because the spirit of Jesus is in you, you "feel" the battle of two spiritual forces at war inside your life. I certainly did. The more I fought to be free, the greater the intensity of the battle became – but Jesus was the empowering force to fight on.

Many fellow Christians are ignorant of the contest raging in your life but not you yourself!! As one Christian phoning in for help this week outlined – "I am getting tired of the unrelenting pressure at war in my life." Those wanting to see schizophrenia defeated in Christians, please take note – this battle is not imaginary, it is very real indeed. You may have doubts and fears about Satan and the demonic forces

behind this mental condition but those enduring the battle in their minds have no such fears. Powers of darkness are still around in our world today creating intense mental havoc in the lives of God's people!!

The time is now for the church of Jesus Christ to arise and minister healing and deliverance by driving out the evil intruders from the lives of such people as yourself - and then to extend all the help you will require to move into wholeness. You have been deprived of your freedom which Jesus Christ obtained at such tremendous cost for far too long.

If other Christians are not involved in praying for you, THEN YOU MUST PRAY FOR YOURSELF. "Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests," says Ephesians 6:18. How do you start praying against the spiritual forces you have been struggling with for years? You just pray and pray on in the Name of Jesus. To get a prayer answered you have to first pray it to God. First, pray for your protection and secondly, bind up in the Name of Jesus every spiritual foe in your life so as to inactivate its presence. Thirdly, declare to Satan and evil powers that you are a redeemed child of God bought by the precious blood of Jesus and as such, Jesus ALONE owns your life. Assert his Lordship and reign. Fourthly, ask God to help you fight on to victory in His might and power.

Be encouraged as we approach this great season of celebrating the coming of Jesus into our world. Take up a militant stance in the faith of Jesus who came to destroy the devil's work. That was the reason the Son of God appeared (see 1 John 3 verse 8). JESUS CAME, HE DIED FOR OUR SINS, HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD, AND RETURNED TRIUMPHANT BACK TO HEAVEN. HE OFFERS TO YOU AND ME HIS GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE WITH FREEDOM TO ENJOY HIS LASTING AND GREAT VICTORY. LET NO DEVILISH FEAR OCCUPY YOUR LIFE. JESUS DID COME TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE. RECEIVE HIS POWER TODAY AND BE FILLED WITH HOPE THAT IN HIS NAME YOU CAN DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA!!

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) "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete." John 15: 9-11

But the angel said to them. "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 10-11

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2: 6-7.

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26 December and 2 January 2011: Celebrate Christmas and New Year With a Knowledge of the Healing Presence of the Saviour of the World

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

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