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

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR WITH A KNOWLEDGE OF THE HEALING PRESENCE OF JESUS

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MATTHEW CHAPTER 1: Key verses 18-25: (The Birth of Jesus Christ) This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" which means, "God with us." When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

It may seem difficult for you to celebrate Christmas knowing that the bondage of schizophrenia has still to be conquered in your life. But, remember, it is a season of HOPE and a special time to build and renew faith in Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who alone can set you completely free.

Take hold afresh of Jesus at this time and continue to keep faith in him. Receive hope and encouragement that His life can so invade yours so as to enable you to pierce and defeat all the spiritual darkness you face and struggle with at present.

I want to call out and beckon you on in your pursuit to be free. I lift up JESUS, KING of Kings and LORD of Lords, to you as we end 2010 and assure you that the New Year is going to be gloriously different if only you face it with Christ.

With living, active, conscious faith in Jesus, He will come in power to defeat schizophrenia in your life. Faith is spiritual power. It can drive out demons and all spiritual darkness. Taking control of your life with Jesus at the helm will see it happen. Be assured!!

No longer say: "This new year is going to be just the same as all the others that have gone before." Faith looks at impossibilities and cries it shall be done. God has a plan for your life. He has a hope and a future for you because Jesus came into our world for the purpose of obtaining for us forgiveness of sin and destroying all the works of the devil.

We send out a MESSAGE OF HOPE because there was a time I was in the same prisonhouse of schizophrenia you are now in. But not any longer. For nearly 21 years, I have been FREE and KEPT FREE by the power of Jesus who has the strong power also to set YOU free. I came off all medication 23 years in January. Yes, I encourage you with a firm encouragement and hope that Jesus can do it for you TOO.

The way out of schizophrenia is a steep climb, and it does the heart good to have somebody "call back" and cheerily beckon you on up the high hill. You who are struggling with this deep bondage, let me say, I join in your prayers to help you get out into freedom. I encourage you to take hold of the mighty power of Jesus Christ - and at this Christmas season "CALL BACK" to you to say "KEEP CLOSE TO HIM AND DRAW ON ALL HIS POWER TO SET YOU FREE".

**If you have gone a little way ahead of me, call back –
'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track;
And if, perchance, Faith's light is dim, because the oil is low,
Your call will guide my lagging course as wearily I go.**

Call back, and tell me that He went with you into the storm;
Call back, and say He kept you when the forest's roots were torn;
That, when the heavens thunder and the earthquake shook the hill,
He bore you up and held you where the very air was still.

Oh, friend, call back, and tell me for I cannot see your face;
They say it glows with triumph, and your feet bound in the race;
But there are mists between us and my spirit eyes are dim,
And I cannot see the glory, though I long for word of Him.

But if you'll say He heard you when your prayer was but a cry,
And if you'll say He saw you through the night's sin-darkened sky –
If you have gone a little way ahead, oh, friend, call back –
'Twill cheer my heart and help my feet along the stony track.

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.

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1: 7-8

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know he hears us –whatever we ask – we know we have what we asked of him. 1 John 1: 5: 15

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "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

The Weekly Encourager

9 January 2011: How to Defeat Spiritual Darkness in Your Mind By Knowing and Using the Word of God.

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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