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Weekly Encourager – 26 June 2011

**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**

## **FOLLOWING JESUS IMPARTS LIGHT AND TRUTH POWERFUL IN DEFEATING SCHIZOPHRENIA**

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 8: Key Verses: 12- When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." The Pharisees challenged him, "Here you are, appearing as your own witness, your testimony is not valid." Jesus answered, "Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you have no idea where I come from or where I am going. You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no-one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone, I stand with the Father, who sent me. In your own Law it is written that the testimony of two men is valid. I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me.**



How do you cope when suddenly a volcanic-style eruption in your soul spreads over your whole life?

As a believer in Jesus possessing the light of the Holy Spirit, your intuition is aware of a gripping bondage that has entered the area of a previously free-mind.

The awareness of what has happened is totally different say to picking up an intuitive spiritual atmosphere in a location or a building in an area.

You now sense a huge upheaval in your thinking as spiritual darkness throws you into constant confusion. Apart from leaning hard of Jesus for help, there is no way of coming through.

While you want to exit and drive away this strange bondage it still lingers around you. It is hard to explain the dilemma you are now in both to a Christian or close loved one or friend.

You have become a different person in a moment of time. You begin to hear voices in your mind which are nothing else than a manifestation of a demonic presence with a personality of his own invading your life.

It is comforting to know by faith at such a moment that the all-seeing faithfulness of God steps in. You don't feel God's presence, so you do your level best to keep trusting Him as you call to remembrance the Word of God stored in your heart.

You are expected to make sense of what has happened and the only way of doing that is by holding on to the light and truth of God's words. Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in your heart will contest the other strange intruding voices and will produce hope and light powerful enough to eventually drive them out.

THIS IS WHAT THE WHOLE BUSINESS OF DEFEATING SCHIZOPHRENIA IS ABOUT... DRIVING OUT THE DEMONIC PRESENCE OF DARKNESS MANIFESTING IN YOUR LIFE IN HEARING CONSTANT, OPPRESSIVE VOICES.

What has happened in your life is nothing short of a major invasion of another dark, evil presence whose aim is to “steal and kill and destroy” (see John 10:10). Your focus now is to be aware of what is really taking place and assert the ownership of the Lord Jesus Christ over your life. His death and resurrection claimed you for his own and Satan and his kingdom have entered your life in a strange, mysterious way with plans to destroy you.

To make such a statement is not to go over the top. I've been there!! I knew by the truth of the Holy Spirit living within me that there was an evil force battling to kill me. The peace of God which had been my joy and delight one moment was robbed and stolen from me by this evil invading power. It's hard to understand if you have never been inside a schizophrenic prison, but it means to descend into hell itself.

Whether you are clued up as to what is happening in your life largely depends on how much there is of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life. You may be a Christian who has confessed Christ but not gone on to be His follower in the sense of being truly surrendered. Some Christians have more of Christ than others depending on the strength of desire within the heart. If you have been living for Jesus before schizophrenia hit you, then His ministry within you will be revealing the truth of what is happening in your life!!

Jesus said important truths about the work of the promised Holy Spirit who would be poured out on the disciples: 1. AS THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH John 16:13. Just get a hold of this – when you are struggling to maintain sanity and understand what is happening because the presence of the evil spirit of schizophrenia confuses you, God, the Holy Spirit, will hold you and prevent the avalanche of confusion swamping your life. Hold on to God with the lifeline of faith as He extends His strong arm over you. God kept me over 26 long years. At times, I despaired of life. Although bondage and a lack of joy held sway, I knew from the Spirit of Truth that I needed to hold on in faith believing in the Word of God to sustain me.

2. AS THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH, HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU AS AN ORPHAN John 14:18. If ever a spiritual bondage made a person into an orphan and desolate, it is schizophrenia. In a day you can move from being in full possession of life, to being in the strong grip of a bondage creating a totally different life inside a prison-house that seems impossible to get out of. Keep trusting God and allow Him to grow in power inside you. Catch hold by faith of the great fact that when Jesus died for you, HE DID DEFEAT that strange power that has crept into your life. YOU WILL LIVE TO SEE IT EVICTED AND DEFEATED FOREVER. Become incensed that this power of darkness should ever seek to take over your life dearly purchased by the Son of God at Calvary and move every fibre of faith within you to drive out the intruder.

3. AS THE HOLY SPIRIT OF TRUTH, HE WILL REMIND YOU OF EVERYTHING THAT JESUS HAS SAID TO YOU John 14:26 Remember the importance of the words that Jesus said: “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4: 4). What a wonderful revelation is received when the Holy Spirit shows you the precious words of Scripture coming from the mouth of God Himself. Hide the Word of God in your heart (Psalm 119:11), let it preserve your life (verse 50), and become your delight (77). In God's promised word “you will be sustained and live and your hopes will not be dashed (116). It will uphold you and you “shall be delivered” (verse 117). God's statutes “are my heritage for ever; they are the joy of my heart. My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.” (111-112).

A FINAL WORD: Never lose sight of the Word of God. Keep calling it to mind. Jesus put it very simply: “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you” (John 15) and “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). Ask God to give you “a hearing ear and a knowing heart” – both come from Him.

FOR FURTHER READING: - See Archive File: 2011 9 January - Defeat the Spiritual Darkness of Schizophrenia By Knowing And Using the Word Of God: 2010 10 October - Hide Yourself Away With God And Receive Strength to Defeat Schizophrenia

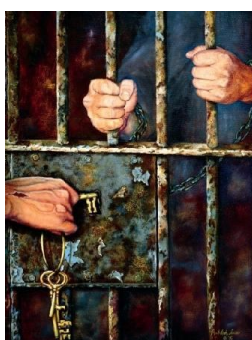
*A PRAYER OF HOPE: "Dear Loving Heavenly Father, as I continue to remember the celebration of the death and resurrection of your dear Son, my Saviour, Jesus Christ will you come and make His sacrifice so real to me. Wipe away my sins that were atoned for on the Cross of Calvary by Jesus in order that 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"

*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.*

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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.

(Jesus said): "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14: 12-14

Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. James 1: 2-5

(Jesus said): "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." Matthew 7: 13-14

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## **The Weekly Encourager**

**3 July: Boldly Pleading The Blood Of Jesus Will Hasten Your Schizophrenia Deliverance**

**10 July: Persevere When The Load Of Schizophrenia Wearies You**

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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*

