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Weekly Encourager – 20 June 2010

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

## KEEPING HOLD OF GOD IN THE DIFFICULT TIMES

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS 2 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 4: Key verses 4-12: (Treasures in Jars of Clay):** The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

Every believer in Jesus Christ faces difficulties and troubles in life but for the Christian schizophrenic there is more than the normal load to cope with. Because you are fighting to be free of a demonic intrusion, you meet spiritual opposition and subsequent mountainous pressures that are unique to your condition alone.

The "difficult times" persist daily when you have set your heart and mind to become free!! Be prepared for them. If you are struggling to get to Christ's freedom by faith without any prayer support and help, then seek such assistance for without it the volume of conflict will be much more. But "be strong and of a good courage" for the Lion of the Tribe of Judah is on your side!! Your day of freedom will come for Christ has overcome for you.

You need to know two things and keep them before you at all times. Firstly, be gripped with an ardent desire to be completely free knowing that the power of Jesus IS GOING to make it happen; secondly, realise you have a personal, malicious enemy residing in your life who needs opposing and evicting. The battle lines are drawn when that knowledge fires you in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Among the greatest Satanic difficulties facing you is that of passivity. Lean hard on God's word and don't allow your present quality of life to be lulled into any further inactivity that affects the holding of a living faith in Jesus or seeks to diminish it in any way. (Use the *Proclamation for God's Protection* further down).

As a Christian schizophrenic you must be helped and guided by the Holy Spirit. Holding on to God at times is an exacting challenge. You know that already. But you must remain determined to be free and never see the job of climbing the mountain of faith just too big a faith task!! **START YOUR QUEST TO BE FREE IN EARNEST TODAY!!** Do not allow any further assault on your God-given personality a moment longer!! Jesus is with you right now to come alongside and rid you of an evil presence that will have to recognise that your life has been purchased by the dear Son of God. Proclaim before demonic powers the ownership of Jesus of your life and command them to go!!

Passivity is the real enemy of every Christian schizophrenic and of living, active, conscious faith – the kind of faith that wins the day and overcomes/drives out the demon behind the condition. How to grow into the kind of believing faith in Jesus that has enough power behind it to shift an occupying force of demons in one's life, is, I think, one of the greatest revelation-discoveries a Christian schizophrenic needs to possess.

It is gloriously possible that you can always live in the revelation of that truth and go on to oust the

intrusive demon(s) behind the condition. It can take time to build up your faith and confidence in God and His word to reach that kind of effectiveness in authority to do the job, but I can testify that Jesus can do it because He accomplished it in my life – so be encouraged.

Seek to ask other Christians to come alongside you and give support. Have no guilt about seeing yourself as a floundering man in difficulty who needs pulling out of the river and wants as many lifebelts thrown his way as possible. Having support around you, you will be brought nearer to freedom as the weeks and months advance and, with more Christians praying and working closely with you, your endeavour to be free will happen.

In addition to passivity, there is the difficulty of being able to pray and find relief and breakthrough through prayer. The schizophrenic mind is not open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as easily as someone who does not have the bondage. You have to determine to pray and pray until you break through in the power of the Name of Jesus, and to do this your will must become stronger in Jesus. It is Satan's aim to weaken and possess your will. If he can spread passivity and indolence into your life and capture the will then he has progressed towards his desire of wanting to destroy you.

As a Christian schizophrenic you know that receiving guidance is not an easy matter. But persevere in listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and you will hear more clearly the voice of the Lord. You will know His voice above all the other voices and have the authority to subdue and defeat them. As was mentioned in the Weekly Encourager two weeks ago....Defeat the voices and you 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 sin that separates me from you and acknowledge the death of Jesus on the Cross to redeem me. 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 enable me to know your power as I believe that my mind too can also be completely set free. I pray this in the wonderful Name 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 at the bottom of the Weekly Encourager, some powerful Scriptures for you to learn and commit to memory and 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 to know the deliverance and freedom of Jesus.

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd following him, he said: "I tell you, I have not found such great faith even in Israel." Then the men who had been sent returned to the house and found the servant well. Luke 7: 9-10

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. Romans 8: 9

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him." John 6: 53-56

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***The Weekly Encourager:***

***4<sup>th</sup> July: After deliverance from schizophrenia, what next?***

***11<sup>th</sup> July: The day you can't go on any longer, Jesus sets you free***

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You maybe reading the Weekly Encourager for the first time as you've stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia. Or maybe, you've been looking at W.E. every week 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-versed and tested in the area of setting captives free from a bondage that no-one else can conquer. Our website [www.schizophreniadeafeated.com](http://www.schizophreniadeafeated.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 in your life and mine, the same victorious life that brought him back from the dead, in the person of the Holy Spirit, to everyone accepting his sacrifice. 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!!

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*Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals*

"I will proclaim your mighty acts,  
O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

