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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

## THE BIBLE INSPIRES FAITH TO KEEP HOPE ALIVE TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS HEBREWS CHAPTER 11: 1-6 – By Faith: Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commanded for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he dead. By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. 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. Verses 32-34: And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies... verse 39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.**



There is a certain way of making sure your life is filled with hope and that is to have a living, active and conscious faith in Jesus Christ.

When that unshaken faith is anchored in the Word of God hope flourishes, even to the point of knowing that schizophrenia can be defeated.

The day you discover how important it is to base your hope in the Word of God (Psalm 119:74) will make sure your life is preserved (Psalm 119:93) and sustained so that your hopes will not be dashed (Psalm 119:116). Neither will you perish in your affliction (Psalm 119:92).

There is another gem of truth among many from Psalm 119 that gives encouragement to someone like yourself who is wanting to be free of schizophrenia. It is to be found in verse 81 which speaks of "my soul fainting with longing for your salvation but I have put my hope in your word."

I know what it is like to wait to see the salvation of God bring about the defeat of schizophrenia. Years can roll by and the daily slog of having faith in Jesus can be so hard that there are many times when you even wonder if the freedom you long to possess will ever happen. Know this, no matter how long it takes, the word of God will come to pass - and the day it is fulfilled in your life will be worth all the delay and waiting.

It is impossible to gauge the full extent of the freedom of Jesus defeating schizophrenia until it bursts on your life. I hope the power of God breaks every chain of bondage TODAY and you walk out of prison completely set free. When a full, perfect freedom descends from Jesus as He performs His victory for you, it will be a most significant day of wonderful joy. Keep hope alive to get there!!

When the power of the Lord Jesus descended on me on May Day Public Bank Holiday, 1990 it was so powerful and liberating as to be a major significant day in my life. The day of freedom was worth all the waiting, all the suffering and all the perseverance.

To experience God break into your life when you have held on to the lifeline of His Word for years is too joyous for words. In the days before freedom came, the word of God became so strong in my heart that I knew a rising confidence of hope from the Holy Spirit.

I knew the day Jesus set me free that I had a testimony of His power and faithfulness to proclaim and wanted to get out into the world and declare it there and then. But I had so much re-orientation and adjustment to go through as the Holy Spirit brought normalcy back to my life. I remember being a little impatient with my wife Tina five years after deliverance and healing. "When is the time going to come allowing me to get out and tell of the wonder working power of Jesus to set people free of schizophrenia?" I asked.

I had so much of life to be restored - in my mind, will and emotions, but mainly in my spiritual life - after years of being on drugs, injections and having electric shock treatment. The Lord Jesus was carrying out a full restoration programme after He had delivered and healed me. (I sometimes look at the immediate transformation of the Gadarene demoniac who was clothed in his right mind and ask if He was fully restored at the same time of being delivered and healed. I wonder if he was probably a much younger man than myself who may not have been mentally enslaved for as long - interesting thought!).

I am thankful to God that over the 21 years since becoming free I have kept believing His Word in respect of his continuing work of healing in my life. Although I shall be 70 years of age in May next year, I am today still experiencing an enlarged freedom as I seek to get closer to Jesus through His grace day by day. (I have had a new right knee replacement in the area where I was able to cast out the demonic nest of spirits with the help of the power of Jesus Christ on the day of deliverance).

Notice, that the Word of the Lord has a continuing influence in our lives because it is the eternal Word of God - always living and active (Hebrews 4: ) The Word of God will never fail to produce in your life and mine all the benefits of what it promises because of the power of the Holy Spirit. I expect for as long as the Lord keeps me on earth to grow in the knowledge and love of His Word and grace no matter how frail my body may become. I trust you will be able to say the same!!

There are some teachings and laws that need re-emphasising to every born-again Christian who has schizophrenia. One of them is the powerful working of the Word of God in your life to bring Christ's total freedom. Endeavour to live every day in the light of God's Word and truth and you will live to enjoy the invasion of the eternal light of Jesus bursting in upon your life.

Through getting acquainted with the Word of God you will discover so much. God will speak to you about the power of the blood of Jesus, about the power and authority of the Word of God living within you; how your prayer life can become mighty and victorious through "praying the word of God".

You must discover as soon as possible the power of the Word of God working for you. Your victory over schizophrenia need not be delayed indefinitely when you realise the powerhouse of God's word at your disposal.

Every demonic presence trembles and fears when it sees you rising in the confidence of faith in the Word of God. You can drive out an evil spirit of schizophrenia from your life for good. When you become strong in the knowledge of the Word of God, and live in its truth, you know Jesus owns your life and has died to redeem you for His own. Filled with the power and confidence of the Word of God, there is experienced an authority giving you power over the demon of schizophrenia and every other kind of demonic presence.

Another discovery you need to make concerns knowing the power of the blood of the Lord Jesus. The power of the Word and the power of the blood of Jesus combine in the mighty redemptive work of Jesus the Saviour of the world. Because Jesus overcame all of Satan's principalities and powers of darkness, you are able to overcome too and share in His victory. You can overcome Satan and demonic powers by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of your testimony... (see Revelation 12:11).

Faith always comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Take trouble to "get into" the Word of God that it becomes "part and parcel" of your thought life. That word will renew you, inspire you, keep you close to Jesus, achieve the impossible, and cause demons to tremble and sit back and fear that you are taking the victory of Jesus on the Cross for you so seriously.

**FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive File:**

2011 8 May: *The Discipline of Meditation Is Powerful In Defeating Schizophrenia*

2010 26 September: *Know Your Authority In Jesus Before Expelling the Demon of 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.



**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.

This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance (and for this we labour and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, and especially of those who believe.  
1 Timothy 4: 9-10

“I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honour my Father and you dishonour me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. I tell you the truth, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” John 8: 49-51

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity...” Jeremiah 29: 11-14 part).

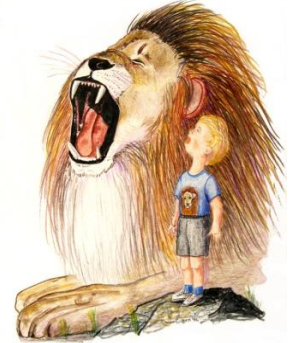
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## The Weekly Encourager

**4 September: Taking On The Light Yoke of Jesus Helps Defeat The Burden of Schizophrenia**  
**11 September: Assert The Ownership Of Jesus Over Your Life To Every Demonic Voice**

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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*