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Weekly Encourager – 2 October 2011

Scriptural advice, help and insight on how to defeat schizophrenia from James Stacey now in his 22nd year of freedom from the bondage - thanks to Jesus Christ

PUT ON THE HELMET OF SALVATION FOR PROTECTION

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1: Key Verses 15-23: The Supremacy of Christ: He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church, he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.



Defeating schizophrenia is normally a hard struggle – particularly if you are fighting for freedom on your own, but take great encouragement and strength in knowing that the abiding presence of God lives in you to overcome.

Have you ever tried to reach the depths of the words of Jesus when he promised: **“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.”** (John 7:38).

Give some thought to the greatness of this promise of Jesus who has put within you His life-giving Holy Spirit described as “the kingdom of God within you”.

How does the knowledge of having God living in you triumph in the contest of your mind being taken over by an invading spirit of schizophrenia? Faith unceasing must lean totally on the divine resources to bring you through!!

A believer in Jesus has no other refuge to fly to the moment his mind is aware of an invasion of a personality totally opposed to the presence of Jesus. Few Christians have any idea what really happens when the bondage of schizophrenia strikes a fellow Christian and all-out war has been commenced in the mind.

This week, I retraced the might of such a spiritual force working inside me at a time when the whole area of my mind was imprisoned by an evil spirit of schizophrenia. Praise God for the supply of His grace and power to fight a battle which knew no sign of relenting until all the darkness was cast out.

Just think to start with that when Jesus puts His Holy Spirit in you, his blessed presence of God brings his voice into your whole being. So when you perceive that another voice has suddenly

entered your head of a totally different nature to the voice of the Lord, you rally to fight for its removal.

The way of conquering schizophrenia is NOT to allow your mind and whole being to become totally passive as evil spirits unleash all kinds of voice manifestations into your head – but to oppose it through the power flowing from the river of life within your spirit.

Also, it is important to assert protection over the whole of your head. With conscious, living and active faith in Jesus rising from your heart, place your hands over every part of your head and claim the protection of the blood of Jesus over your mind.

Because in Jesus are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, the insight and knowledge springing from the supply of living water in your heart will fire you up to battle for complete freedom in your mind. Your mind is often a veritable battle-field of the Holy Spirit versus the powers of darkness contending for ownership of your mind, but the power and fire of God dwelling in your spirit enables you to fight every battle!!

The presence of an evil spirit of schizophrenia in your mind is a stronghold, make no mistake, but knowing Jesus as Lord equips you with all the light and truth you need to drive it out through the spirit of prayer as you boldly proclaim who is the One who owns your life.

The one thing to remember as you wrestle in prayer is that the Lord of Glory lives in your spirit. The King of Kings is in residence in your heart and no-one can dethrone Him, overcome him, and he remains stronger than any opposing voice you face in the whole of the world.

St. Paul put it like this: “What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long: we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8: 31-39).

All glory goes to the Lord Jesus Christ that he has the power to hold you together during the difficult times when you feel that your mind is being taken over. What mighty resurrection power issues from your heart as you hold on to God whenever a Satanic enemy seeks to drive you to distraction and destruction. Jesus holds on to you and will never let you go - though the battle may be heated and long!!

To the Christian who is suffering with schizophrenia and has made up his or her mind to persevere and endure until the breakthrough into freedom comes, nothing will deter them from the prize. Every effort is exerted in the fight to overcome an enemy who you only know how to fight because of the presence of the living water of the Holy Spirit within you.

You remember the time when you came to know Jesus as Lord? Life changed forever the moment you realised that Jesus died for you and you received his salvation and the free gift of eternal life. In the few years you walked and talked with him before schizophrenia appeared, there developed a friendship with Christ your Saviour which was for all the days of your life.

“Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might” you have been able to hold on

to Christ. The defeat of schizophrenia is a triumph for the Name of Jesus Christ. Only he has the victory over such a foe.

As you take hold of the life of the Spirit of God, and keep believing for all the resources you need, you will be able to use the sword of the Spirit – the word of God – and pray in the Spirit “on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests” (Ephesians 6:18).

YOU WILL SURROUND YOUR MIND BY PUTTING ON IN FAITH THE HELMET OF SALVATION AS AN ADEQUATE PROTECTION AND COVERING. BY SO DOING YOU WILL WEAKEN THE SPIRIT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA WHO WILL KNOW YOU ARE SERIOUS IN DRIVING IT OUT AND GAINING YOUR FREEDOM SO DEARLY PURCHASED BY JESUS CHRIST, YOUR SAVIOUR.

DECLARE TO THE SPIRIT OF SCHIZOPHRENIA THAT IT HAS NO LEGAL RIGHT TO REMAIN IN YOUR MIND AND PROCEED TO BIND IT UP IN THE NAME OF JESUS, AND START COMMANDING IT TO LEAVE YOUR LIFE WHICH NOW BELONGS TOTALLY TO JESUS. KEEP PRESSING IN WITH THE POWER OF FAITH AND NEVER LOSE AN INCH OF THE GROUND YOU ARE TAKING.

THE WARFARE IS OFTEN WEARYING BUT, REMEMBER THIS, YOU CANNOT REST IN YOUR SPIRIT UNTIL YOU ARE COMPLETELY SET FREE AND HAVE BROKEN THROUGH INTO THE VICTORY YOU ARE BELIEVING FOR IN THE MIGHTY NAME OF JESUS!!

FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive File:

2011 24 August – *Persevere In Seeing The Face Of Jesus As You Battle Through To Freedom*
2010 31 October – *How To Pray Effectively For The Protection And Freeing Of Your Mind*

A PRAYER OF HOPE: “Lord God Almighty, will you hear my prayer and make the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ 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. I believe that Jesus took all my sins and my sorrows and made them His very own and that after three days He rose again from the dead and now makes intercession for me. By the power of His shed blood, I believe I am now set free and opened up to all the resources of His grace and power. I am looking forward to the day – why not today – when the evil bondage of schizophrenia surrounding my mind is totally defeated. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to help me drive out the dark, spiritual presence by the light of your conquering Resurrection Presence. I want to know the reality of your promise that whoever follows you shall not walk in darkness but shall have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, 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.

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.

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61: 10

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4: 13-14

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Weekly Encourager

9 October: LORD, My Deliverer, I Cry Out To You Again And Again

16 October: The Faith By Which You See Christ Inspires Hope to Conquer And Love To Endure

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*

James Stacey, Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals