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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

## FAITH IN JESUS RELEASES POWER STRONG ENOUGH TO DELIVER AND HEAL

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 12: Key Verses 35-36 - Then Jesus told them, "You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the dark does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light." When he had finished speaking, Jesus left and hid himself from them. Verses 44-50 – Then Jesus cried out, "When a man believes in me, he does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. When he looks at me, he sees the one who sent me. I have come into the world as a light, so that no-one who believes in me should stay in darkness.**



**As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."**

There are valuable lessons to learn for every Christian battling their way out of schizophrenia – none more important than the discovery of the power of faith fuelled by the Word of God.

The Lord Jesus Christ spent some time pressing home to the disciples the need to abide in Him through having His words living within them (John 15:7) – words of spirit and life (John 6:63).

Understand, and meditate on, John 15 and you will be aware of the need to abide and live in Jesus through faith. Remember, that without faith it is impossible to please him (Hebrews 11:6) hence the great need to possess and grow in faith and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Christians without schizophrenia need to know the power that issues from a living faith in Jesus – but even more so do those like yourself fighting to come out of the mental bondage of schizophrenia.

Faith in Jesus is a living, conscious and active faith as the Word of God dwells in you. Your faith is built on it. Powerful faith comes through knowing the Scriptures and is quickened and imparted by the Spirit of God (Hebrews 4:12).

Every Christian seeking to break the evil darkness of schizophrenia must discover the power, wonder and delight of God's Word working to impart freedom. Make room for the word of God to live within you in power. Read it, memorise it, meditate on it, pray it, and expect God to work in your life through it. Knowing His Word opens you up to loving God with all your heart! Ask God TODAY to put a new faith expectancy within your heart that all things are possible to you since you believe in Jesus!! Fasten the words of Jesus and other scriptures around your heart and mind knowing that when God makes a promise He is well able to fulfil it and bring it to pass.

It may be that right now your mind is not only bombarded with hearing voices from demons but life is out of control. Faith in Jesus has power to enable you to bind and silence those voices and change all that ... and grant you a deliverance and healing bringing a transformed life.

These are indeed exciting days for the church of Jesus Christ because God is pouring out His spirit throughout the world. We are living in momentous times in which the power of God is being released into people's lives – even the lives of Christians held by schizophrenia who are believing and experiencing breakthrough from the hellish prison.

In case you are not aware of it, there is more interest in proving God through the power of prayer in our day than at any other time in history. And God is pouring out His spirit in the lives of people like yourself who are seizing the promises of God and seeing them realised in their own lives.

If I could underline in this Weekly Encourager ... turn wholeheartedly in faith to Jesus and set your life to seek him by reading, meditating, praying in the Word of God into your life. The Spirit of the living God will take hold of you as you take hold of His Word, and power will descend in your life in a remarkable way.

I thank God that through ever-increasing faith in Him, He helped me win the battle of defeating schizophrenia. The battle belonged to Jesus. He alone brought me through. I give Him all the glory. The ability to fight were HIS. Perseverance in prayer were HIS. When the heat of battle was on, the strength to fight on was HIS. HE BROUGHT ME THROUGH BECAUSE HE WON THE BATTLE AT CALVARY ... AND JESUS WILL BRING YOU THROUGH TOO. TAKE HOLD OF LIVING HOPE THAT IS ANCHORED IN JESUS CHRIST. YOU WILL LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN ALL THE SHACKLES AND CHAINS ARE DRIVEN OUT BY THE POWER OF GOD IN YOU. REJOICE, REJOICE, IN YOUR COMING DAY OF FREEDOM!!

*(For further reading refer to The Weekly Encourager on 9 January: Defeat the Spiritual Darkness of Schizophrenia by Knowing and Using the Word of God).*

**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 to me 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.

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Saviour and my God. Psalm 42: 5

(Jesus said) “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” John 15: 7-8

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. Colossians 3: 1-3

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## The Weekly Encourager

**12 June: "He Who Follows Me Shall Not Walk in Darkness But Shall Have The Light of Life " Said Jesus Christ**

**19 June: Esteem Proven Medical Therapy But Look To Jesus For Your Freedom**

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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-tried 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*