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Weekly Encourager – 5 September 2010

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

THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE SETTING A SCHIZOPHRENIC TOTALLY FREE

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 16: Key verses 23-33: (Jesus said) "In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God." "You believe at last!" Jesus answered. "But a time is coming, and has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart I have overcome the world."

In your determination to be free of schizophrenia never lose sight of the magnitude of Christ's love which is well able to undergird such a valiant quest!! When the personal setbacks on the road to freedom occur, keep abiding faith in Jesus who keeps pouring into your life the overwhelming power of his love necessary to destroy and drive out the intruding demonic force of schizophrenia.

Once your eyes have been opened to see the need to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, it should become clear to you just who it is living inside you. No less a person than the great God of heaven who loves you with an everlasting love and wants you totally free of every intrusion of spiritual darkness in your life!!

Be prepared for a spiritual fight, but one in which Jesus is fighting with you. At times you will not know what to pray for but then "the Spirit makes intercession for us (you) with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for the saints (you) according to the will of God." Romans 8 26-27.

Many were the times in my fight for freedom that I was purposely opposed against every intruding force set on assailing and destroying my life. The fact of God's love for me remained perfectly clear. How dare the spirits of darkness think they could blind me to such knowledge. God loved me and wanted me free and in fellowship with him. His love, and the power of sovereign love proved sufficient to defeat any destructive force and design on my life.

Remember, the love of Jesus is there for you at all times. When he promises never to leave you or forsake you, He is saying his love is there to abide in you - morning, noon and night. In the heat of the battle, in the rest times you take from spiritual warfare, when you are on your own and the only thing that keeps you going is the assured knowledge of God's promised love being poured into you on every occasion and during every pressure you face.

Armed with the knowledge of God's love, you become a strong soldier standing 10-feet tall, praying in the Spirit, bringing every thought into captivity, unseating every demonic presence as the light of God's word strengthens your battle of faith.

Possessed with the love of Jesus you CAN DO self-deliverance, expel demons from your life, and triumph in it. You can free yourself from passivity of mind through pleading the precious blood of Jesus Christ. You advance in faith sensing that your spirit and mind are becoming free as you command demons to leave.

You regard with forceful resistance that Satan and his cohorts should ever think they have any right to your life. As you see Jesus Christ dying for your sin to bring you into his forgiveness and freedom, there mounts up in you a right and proper hate against all dark spiritual forces that want to ensnare you in the worst kind of spiritual bondage.

It was for freedom Christ has set you free and you are permanently in a no-nonsense mood to send packing out from your life each and every intruder. You may reach that happy place, as I did on many occasions, of knowing something akin to the reality of what the Scriptures calls “the zeal of the Lord consuming you.” At such a time, your prayer life takes off!! The prayers coming out of your spirit are white hot!!

You take the whole armour of God and put it on every part of your body. The Word of God pours out of your heart like fire and Scriptures run from you thought life ten to the dozen. The indwelling spirit of Jesus and his love burn within you and anything from the kingdom of Satan cannot exist or remain in your life.

How powerful is the love of God spurring you on. You read a Scripture such as: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16. When Jesus died for you, he obtained for you eternal life by paying the price of your sin and defeating Satan. You are determined to take the power of that victory for your own and make the sacrifice of Calvary of full effect!!

The place where God works is in your heart and that is where He comes to teach YOU how to pray. Andrew Murray, the great devotional writer said: “When a man begins to get an insight into that which IS NEEDED and that which God WAITS TO PERFORM, he feels it to be beyond his conception. Then is the time he will be ready to say: “I cannot limit the holy one of Israel by my thoughts. I give myself up in the faith that the Holy Spirit can be praying for me with groaning, with longings, that cannot be expressed”. APPLY THAT TO YOUR PRAYERS.

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 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 enable me to know your power as I believe that my mind too can also be completely set free. 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 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.

(Daniel said): "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning. He reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what lies in darkness, and light dwells with him." Daniel 2: 20-22

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it for ever. So, if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." John 8: 31-36

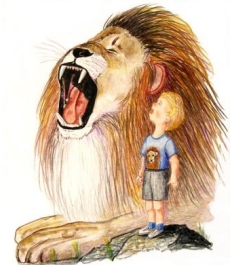
But you are a shield around me, O LORD; you bestow glory on me and lift up my head. To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side. Arise, O LORD! Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked. From the LORD comes deliverance. May your blessing be on your people. Psalm 3: 3-8

The Weekly Encourager:

12 September: Away with the stigma of talking about having Schizophrenia!!

19 September: The Light of the Life of Jesus is the Strong Deliverer of Schizophrenia

You maybe 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

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