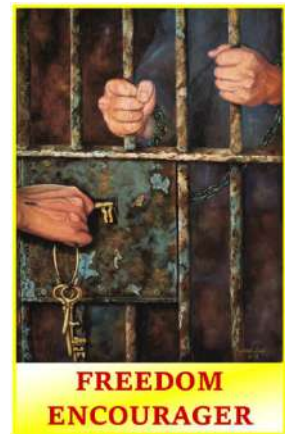


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SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 35 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION



PREVENT YOUR HEART AND MIND BECOMING COLD IN ITS LOVE TO THE LORD JESUS CHRIST BY LEARNING ABIDING FAITH - VITALLY ACTIVE, CONSCIOUS AND LIVING

JESUS CHRIST GIVES BOTH ENCOURAGEMENT AND ENDURANCE AS YOU FIGHT TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS PSALM 32

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sins the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD" - and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you. Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD'S unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!

How comforting it is to know the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in all the trials of battling against schizophrenia!

Through all the confusion of your mind, make sure you anchor faith in Jesus. It is necessary to run to Him for all the encouragement and endurance necessary to oppose the Satanic bondage.



The times you spend at the feet of Jesus meditating on His Word to provide strength to go on are both necessary and precious. Hiding in God is the way of finding hope to continue the fight.

Contending against an enemy who has suddenly erupted in your life is the most baffling thing to handle. Little wonder you need to lean hard on Jesus to make sense of the onslaught.

If what you are passing through is anything like my experience over many weary, faith-plodding years, it is hard to mark progress. Your feelings tell you nothing as you discover that living, active, precious faith in such circumstances is what endures.

We need to take a leaf out of the book of King David as found in the above Psalm. He had a relationship with God. The Lord was His shepherd. He must ever be our own personal shepherd in the whole of life, too.

You fully sense in this Psalm that it was only to the Lord he would flee in the hour of need. The Lord *alone* was the one he trusted to see him through. The arm of flesh – whether his own or another – was of no use, he needed the help of the Lord.

God has written a truth in our hearts which spurs us to rely on Him alone. We feel this is the most acceptable way. The cry for help you make to Him is always certainly heard. He will never leave or forsake once you have made Him the Lord of your life.

Though it would be a great advantage to receive the help of Christian friends to pray for you and support you through the onslaught of schizophrenia, the condition births such a withdrawal state through taking medication that it is often hard to communicate your need with others.

You may know just what I am referring to when the oppression over your life caused through the mental bondage is so great that you find it impossible to string a sentence together to describe what you are passing through. To turn to God for some form of encouragement in your isolation is all you can do.

But here is the good news! There comes a time that your life is permanently filled with hope because the habit of seeking God and hiding in Him alone results in a faith-confidence. You know the certainty of being able to find comfort, encouragement and endurance in God no matter what you are passing through.

I remember a most difficult time when God enabled me to survive a day of tremendous mental oppression while working as a postman. The heaviness of the schizophrenia spirit was seeking to overcome my life. It was aided and abetted by a spirit of suicide and a religious spirit, and the pressure was both relentless and uncomfortable as I delivered the post to two housing estates and high-rise flats.

I had caught the 4.30 a.m. bus to work but awoke early enough to seek God for strength for the day. Having sorted out the walk in the delivery centre, it was something of a relief to get out into the open to be able to think a little more clearly. But once I had started the delivery, such a persistent oppression weighed heavily upon me that all I could do was to trust in God's word for both encouragement and endurance.

I had to keep on the move, of course. The thought of giving up and abandoning the delivery was a way out but the only course of action suggested to me by the Lord was to continue and finish. It's hard to keep moving when the pressure is on like that. But God's word is a sustaining force much more able to see us through than we know.

I could not speak to anyone about what was pressurising me that day. The waters were almost covering me – or, to be more precise, the presence of a dark invading force in my mind was near to overwhelming and conquering my spirit. Praise God for the strength that He provided to

keep at bay every attack as my weary legs went from house to house pushing the letters through the boxes. How precious is the intervention of God to protect and sustain!

You will experience many victories in your life once you make the Lord your hiding place. Even the devil cannot reach you when you are hiding in God's pavilion and fortress. You will proceed from one victory to another. The verse of a hymn we used to sing in Sunday School says: – "Yield not to temptation for yielding is sin, Each victory will help you some other to win. Fight manfully onward, dark passions subdue, Look ever to Jesus He will carry you through."

The hymn known as "Yield Not To Temptation" was a favourite in our Sunday School along with John Bunyan's "Who Would True Valour See, Let Him Come Hither." It mentioned the dark passions that occur in human nature which every believer in Jesus has to face as he/she endeavours to live in the new nature of Christ. Well, it was more of a battle against a dark presence rather than dark passions that I faced as a postman. I am so grateful to God that in the eight years or so as a Christian before schizophrenia dawned that He had taught me the benefit of trusting His Word and leaning hard on Him. If you are finding life difficult, resort to doing the same for Jesus will prove Himself faithful to you in that discipline.

You will need to remember the precious comfort provided by the Holy Spirit as you progress in defeating schizophrenia. The ministry of the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth, as Jesus promised in John Chapter 16:13. He is the Counsellor who lives within the life of every believer knowing Jesus as Saviour and Lord. What a wonderful promise Jesus gave when He said: "I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you." Allow this promise to invade your life for it will indeed bring you great comfort. If there is one re-assuring truth that every Christian suffering with schizophrenia needs to know it is this one: Jesus is still living within you – He has not deserted you.

I feel privileged to be able to encourage those battling with schizophrenia and inspire the hope of Jesus to lead into freedom. St Paul writing in 2 Corinthians, Chapter 1, says: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God."

FOR FURTHER READING: See Weekly Encourager / Freedom Encourager Archive File:

2023 4 & 11 June – Know Your Authority In The Lord Jesus Christ Before Expelling The Demon Of Schizophrenia

2022 11 September – Putting On The Whole Armour Of God Brings Healing And Deliverance Within Your Grasp

2021 29 August – Your Quest For Freedom Increases Each Day As You Advance In The Stronghold Of God's Love

The purpose of bringing out a Freedom Encourager each fortnight is to highlight the promised hope there is in the Lord Jesus Christ defeating schizophrenia. Our Weekly Encourager files between 2010 and 2023 contain scriptural advice, insight and help designed to give encouragement to those like yourself struggling for long sought-after freedom – so do make use of the facility provided, asking God to reveal His truth to you from the various messages. May He richly provide all you need to bring you out of the prison house of schizophrenia into His most glorious freedom! HE IS ABLE!

Let me no more my comfort draw,
From my frail hold of Thee.
In this alone rejoice with awe,
THY MIGHTY GRASP OF ME!

John Campbell Sharp (1819-1885)

And every virtue we possess,
And every conquest won,
And every thought of holiness,
ARE HIS ALONE.

Harriet Auber (1773-1862)

***Not unto us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.***

Psalm 115, verse 1

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 can be completely set free and my whole life enjoy the total freedom of Jesus. Amen.

**PROCLAMATION
TO OVERCOME THE DEVIL**

I testify to Satan personally as to what the **word** says the **blood** does for me: ¹

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. ²

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. ^{2a}

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin. ³

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, *just-as-if-I'd* never sinned. ⁴

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. ⁵

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, by the blood of Jesus. ⁶

Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of Jesus.

—by Derek Prince

¹ Revelation 12:11
"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb [Jesus Christ], and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." [That is, they testified to what the Word of God says about the **blood of Jesus**.]

² Ephesians 1:7
In Him we have redemption through his **blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace . . .

^{2a} Psalm 107:2
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, Whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy . . .

³ 1 John 1:7
But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

⁴ Romans 5:9
Much more then, having now been justified by His **blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

⁵ Hebrews 13:12
Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own **blood**, suffered outside the gate.

⁶ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
Or do you not know that your **body is the temple of the Holy Spirit** who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

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**A LIFETIME VALENTINE AND DELIVERANCE
MINISTER ROLLED INTO ONE!**



**THE REAL VISION I HAD FROM GOD WAS OF TINA IN A BRIDAL
GOWN!**

When I accepted a friend's suggestion about joining a Christian dating agency, I never realised it would eventually lead to finding a wonderful "Miss Right" and a compassionate intercessor rolled into one.

Struggling to cope with 20 years of diagnosed schizophrenia, I found my membership with Doncaster-based Christian Friendship Fellowship a lifeline of hope. It was the mid-eighties and I had been a widower for just four years.

Although a born-again Christian, who came to know the Lord Jesus Christ at the age of 14, I was terribly lonely and still missed the support and care of my late wife Pam, to whom I was married for 14 years. I wasn't looking to marry again, but I desperately wanted friendship to answer the tremendous loneliness and isolation that schizophrenia brings.

I was working as a letters administrator with Royal Mail in Sheffield, and the thought of sitting in front of a warm fire on a cold winter's night, chatting with a variety of female contacts offered some comfort.

After sifting through the quarterly lists of "available ladies", I pursued meeting up with those in easily accessible locations like Stockport, Sheffield, Mansfield and Birmingham, but soon came to the conclusion that these romantically inspired meetings were going nowhere, and so I curtailed all my activity.

I was still on regular, fortnightly injections for schizophrenia and was struggling more and more as the debilitating illness advanced. My main fight centred around a daily confrontation with an evil force within me that was bent on destroying my life.

The exhaustion caused by contending in prayer using God's Word to ward off this 'inner foe' had often resulted in being either sectioned or admitted to the local hospital in Chesterfield. This was no low-key spiritual battle to survive, but one requiring discipline and perseverance in prayer, starting at 5 a.m. before going to work.

I lapsed my membership with CFF for a while, but then in 1987 I decided to try again. I prayed in desperation: "I'll try again, Lord, but I am going no further than Birmingham."

Still perusing old and new A4 lists of eligible women and their brief résumé covering personal details, interests, recreations and desires for friendship, companionship and possible marriage, I stumbled across an unusual entry which hit me right between the eyes.

It read: "Christina Winterburn, d.o.b. 1944, born-again Christian, interested in friendship, companionship, possibly marriage, likes cooking, travel, embroidery, Bible study. Requirement: someone with a regular prayer life."

In no time at all I had made an initial contact, exchanged letters and, wonder of wonders, received the promise of a visit from Tina. She was willing to drive more than 70 miles from the West Midlands to look me over.

Three months later, Tina, a nursing sister, discovered that I was visiting the doctor for an injection of moderate or depixol, the same psychotic medication she administered to patients at her doctor's practice. It was to put it mildly, "a devastating bombshell."

By early January, 1988, Tina had almost made up her mind "to let me down gently", and disappear from my life, when something remarkable happened.

GLOBALISM
FAKE AND BIASED NEWS
POLITICALLY CORRECT NEWS
UNREPORTED NEWS



GOOD NEWS!

THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN TO EARTH TO SET UP HIS OWN KINGDOM AND WILL REIGN WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND JUSTICE!

GOD WANTS US TO BE READY FOR HIS COMING AND YOU CAN BE PART OF THAT KINGDOM WHEN YOU ASK JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S ETERNAL SON, TO FORGIVE YOU OF YOUR SIN, WHICH IS PRIDE AND REBELLION AGAINST GOD.

ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS YOUR SAVIOUR AND LORD. THE DAY YOU ACCEPT HIM INTO YOUR LIFE HE GIVES THE FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE AND HIS EVERLASTING PEACE!

WHAT NEXT? BUY A BIBLE FROM ANY BOOKSTORE AND SEARCH THE TRUTH FOR YOURSELF. THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD FOR US!

DON'T DELAY!
GO FOR IT!

WHAT DOES JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, HAVE TO SAY ABOUT ALL THIS? QUITE A LOT!

Jesus Christ's first coming was prophesied around 137 times in the Old Testament of the Bible hundreds of years before He was born in Bethlehem. There are over 200 prophecies regarding His Second Coming in both the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus lived for around 33 years, was then falsely accused and suffered by dying on the Cross outside Jerusalem around 2,000 years ago. There He died for you and me and God's anger for our sin was placed on Him. After Jesus died, He was placed in a tomb and three days later came back to life. He went back to heaven but promised to return to earth to take those who love Him to be with Him forever.

Jesus said in Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24, that the following would take place before He returns to the earth:-

1. False Christs and false prophets will appear.
2. Wars and rumours of wars.
3. Famines and earthquakes which will be like the beginning of labour pains.
4. Those who are followers of Jesus Christ will be hated and even put to death.
5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, " 'the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn because of Him. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." (Matthew's gospel, Chapter 24:29-30). Why did they mourn? Because they were not prepared for His Coming!
8. Jesus warned His disciples to "keep watch" and to be aware of the times in which we live. He said: "No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man." What was characteristic of those days? Violence and wickedness was rife and present in everyone's mind was only evil all the time.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE WORLD AT PRESENT?

1. Violence and knife crime is on the increase, particularly in the west.
2. Family breakdown. Civil, ethnic and political unrest.
3. Deception - growing confusion, regarding beliefs and gender identity.
4. Growing belief in Universalism - all religions lead to God and no-one has the monopoly of TRUTH. A move to a one world religion.
5. People are sold into the lie of not giving offence to others, rather than upholding what they believe as truth, hence the rise of Political Correctness.
6. A move towards a One World government. The emergence of 'Deep State' with powerful secret societies, such as 'The Illuminati', manoeuvring across the world stage. Leaders in some secret societies dictate to country leaders who to put in power. Globalism is being promoted - through the irradiation of country borders and nationhood.



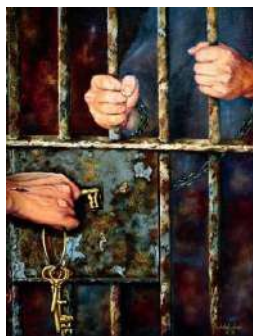
7. Federal Reserve. This is a private bank and is not monitored. These bankers want to help control the world and the finance system. They originally took gold from the Americas into the Federal Reserve for safe keeping but never returned it.
8. Famines and unprecedented migration. Earthquakes - more in the 20th century than in the previous 19 centuries. Many wars across every continent with thousands of innocent people and children killed.
9. Climate change involvement is becoming completely dominant in people's hearts and minds. Some theological students in New York are confessing their sins to plants! A generation is emerging that is worshipping creation rather than God the creator!

SEE BELOW IN THE PICTURES **BEFORE** AND **AFTER** DELIVERANCE AND HEALING, THE VISIBLE DIFFERENCE MADE BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ON MY GREAT DAY OF FREEDOM ON 2nd MAY 1990.



BEFORE DELIVERANCE AND HEALING

showing the strong "gates of brass and bars of iron" behind my eyes and around my mind requiring the power of JESUS CHRIST to defeat.



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 Station 5 days after Jesus set me free - on my way to show Tina "her new man."

PROCLAMATION FOR GOD'S PROTECTION by Derek Prince

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 read, memorise and meditate on for USE in your prayer battle to drive out the demon of schizophrenia. By so doing your confidence in the LORD JESUS CHRIST 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 CHRIST.

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12

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." John 8:31-32

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name for ever. For great is your love towards me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave. Psalm 86:11 -13

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