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Weekly Encourager - 24 & 31 October 2021

SCRIPTURAL ADVICE, HELP AND INSIGHT ON HOW TO TRUST THE LORD JESUS CHRIST TO DEFEAT SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM JAMES STACEY NOW CELEBRATING 31 YEARS OF FREEDOM FROM THE DEMONIC BONDAGE AND OVER 33 YEARS OFF ALL ANTI-PSYCHOTIC MEDICATION

HOW GOD CAN USE THE AFFLICTION OF SCHIZOPHRENIA TO BRING HOPE TO OTHERS AND GLORY TO HIS NAME FOR DISPLAYING SUCH AMAZING FAITHFULNESS

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS GENESIS CHAPTER 41: Key verses 46-52:

Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and travelled throughout Egypt. During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. Joseph collected all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure. Before the years of famine came, two sons were born to Joseph by Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On. Joseph named his firstborn Manasseh and said, "It is because God has made me forget all my trouble and all my father's household." The second son he named Ephraim and said, "It is because God has made me fruitful in the land of my suffering."



How does God go about dispensing hope to thousands of people living in a hopeless condition? It is a question you can turn over in your mind following the reading of our Scripture passage for this week. Well, to start with, we must acknowledge that His ways are not our ways and as such He acts altogether differently to achieve His ends.

Reading about the long imprisonment and wilderness experience Joseph endured before being eventually freed caused me to remember the question I raised some years ago: **Why did it take so long before God delivered and healed me? Why did the bondage have to last 26 years - more than a third of a lifetime - before He eventually brought me out?** These questions no longer unsettle me since I believe that the length of my schizophrenic imprisonment was determined by God who had a divine purpose behind it all. Without the suffering I went through, He would have been unable to bring into my life the tender compassion for other sufferers which found birth in my soul.

I could never have imagined the present day freedom in which I am now living. God has restored and is still restoring the years which "the locusts have eaten." Not only were there many years when securing freedom was hard to envisage, but never in my mind came the thought that one day, God would be able to be glorified through the affliction. He is now able to use it for His glory and show His faithfulness and power to set free that many other schizophrenic sufferers will thereby be filled with hopefulness too.

I somehow thought around my early twenties when schizophrenia disrupted my life that I had lost God's plan for the future. All thought about serving God in the ministry ran into a permanent cul-de-sac since the time spiritual darkness hit my life. Because I perceived that serving God only had to do with preaching and witnessing, it never crossed my mind that God had other ways in which to speak through people...through the path of suffering. Many preachers have preached their greatest sermon in affliction and suffering.

The greatest fulfilment in life for a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is to have spent one's days seeking to bring glory to the Saviour of the world and making His matchless Name known throughout the world. We do not appreciate as much as we should that God has ordained a plan or destiny for our lives and He remains continuously active in directing the way we should go to bring honour and glory to Him.

His ways are not our ways and in His infinite wisdom He plans for us in love. No matter how difficult life has been for us so far and how that may extend into the future, if we follow the One and Only True God as revealed in the Lord Jesus Christ and remain faithful to Him then we are accomplishing a testimony to uplift the honour of His Name.

There's no doubt about it that God had a purpose in keeping me in a schizophrenic prison for 26 years. I believe He opened the prison door out of a strong, Satanic bondage in His time. Years of heartache, frustration, confusion and spiritual attack were just a few of the things to content with. I loved Jesus Christ with all my heart ever since my teenage years and continued to do so when the huge darkness of evil swept over and into my life. In many years, when I felt I had limited resources to go on, the life-line to the grace of God was being extended by my Lord and Saviour.

It was not by my might and power that I kept alive but by Christ's sustaining power. You will find the same comfort and strength to go on and persevere in remembering that Christ will never leave you or forsake you. **HE HAS WON THE FIGHT AGAINST SATAN AND DEMONS AND THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS. THROUGH HIS DEATH ON CALVARY AND GLORIOUS RESURRECTION HE DEFEATED THE ONE WHO HAD THE POWER OF DEATH. PRAISE HIS WONDERFUL NAME!**

I find it a wonderful privilege that having suffered affliction through schizophrenia, I can commend through experience that there is a way out of the bondage into the light and liberty offered by the Lord Jesus Christ who is the complete and effective VICTOR over the complicated condition. "Let me commend my Saviour to you" is the appropriate word to pass on to those still battling the darkness. What He has done for me, He can also do for you.

May I offer today some encouragement to those of you who are struggling with schizophrenia and long to be free. Never ever give up hope! The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ knows everything you are facing and passing through. Cultivate a prayer life and obtain strength through reading God's word. Get others to pray for you – I mean really pray. Ask them to pray for "the bars or iron and the gates of brass" around your mind which Satanic powers have erected, to be blasted wide open by the power of God.

Keep faith and belief alive that looks to the day when you will be completely free in Jesus! The reality of experiencing freedom seems out of sight at the moment. But looking to God and holding on to His promises, you will live to experience the freedom of Jesus. And though you may find it hard to accept, there will come a day when you too will be able to make use of your affliction and glorify God as you are able to help others who are still suffering with schizophrenia in the same way you did.

I am at present in correspondence with two Christian schizophrenics who are able to see and grasp what I am talking about. They are not free at the moment but have such faith in God to believe that freedom is going to come to their lives. It's faith-building to hear them talk about

becoming free and how they expect Jesus to step in. When it happens they will both have a great heart to help others towards the same freedom.

On page 144 of *Schizophrenia Defeated*, I write: "Meditating on the words – "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", (*2 Corinthians, Chapter 1*), I said to Maurice, aged 83 (Tina's father), who had just returned from a prayer meeting at church: "*Do you know, I've just had another reason why our testimony is not our own, but the Lord's. For in telling others what Christ has done for us, we are saying He can do the same for them. If Christ has brought us through suffering, we can offer hope to others than Jesus can bring them through too.*" He replied: "*What a wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord.*"

It is a privilege always to tell others of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. But what a divine commission to lift up to countless numbers of people the same Lord and say that He is well able not only to deliver from the power of sin but to bring freedom out of the maddening bondage of schizophrenia. I feel it is a special task to reach such sufferers if only to give hope that the One who brought me out of such a prisonhouse of hell CAN also shatter the bars in your life. I so much want to continue to be "fruitful in the land of my affliction" to give encouragement.

A prayer: "Dear Heavenly Father, will you please cultivate in me the ability to hear your voice and grant a faith-inspired life in You. I see my need of possessing your power within my life in order to overcome the evil of schizophrenia. It's a hard discipline, but I am trusting you to help me overcome as I believe in You and Your Word. I offer my prayer in the Name of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen".

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)

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.

FOR FURTHER READING: See Archive Files

2020 30 August – Anchor Your Faith In The Lord Jesus Christ And You Will Never Lose Hope

2019 27 October – The Wedding Day Spills Over With Rejoicing (Extract Of Chapter 10 From Schizophrenia Defeated)

2018 24 June – Boldly Pleading The Blood Of The Lord Jesus Christ Hastens Your Schizophrenia Deliverance

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.

WEEKLY ENCOURAGER 7 NOVEMBER

MEETING GOD EARLY WILL KEEP ADVANCING YOUR FIGHT TO BECOME FREE...

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS MARK'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 1: Key Verses 21-28 Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit:

They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching – and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee. 32-34 Jesus Heals Many: That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was. 35-39 Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place: Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

The early encounter with God is a must for every Christian believer wanting to defeat the Satanic bondage of schizophrenia.

You are not the same without it! Regular, early morning prayer and contact with God will empower your life with strong spiritual resolve to obtain freedom.

I want to challenge you to seek God and to seek Him early. If this Encourager is registered by the Holy Spirit into your heart and mind, and you begin to receive the benefits of meeting God early, it will have been well worth it.

Let's focus on Psalm 63:1-2 where David says: "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary." (Authorized King James Version).

David had a real hunger, thirst and desire which moved him to seek God early. Despite his shortcomings, we readily admit that he was a man after God's own heart.

Because of his determination to seek God's face early in the day, this resolve advanced and strengthened his desire to seek God at other times. David really loved the Lord and was a man of prayer.

A PRAYER OF HOPE FOR THOSE SUFFERING WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA: "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 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 and power of your conquering Holy Spirit's presence. I want to know the reality of the promise Jesus made that whoever follows him will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life. Make it happen for me, as I pray in the Mighty Name of Jesus, Amen.



GLOBALISM

FAKE AND BIASED NEWS

POLITICALLY CORRECT NEWS

UNREPORTED NEWS

GOOD 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 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!

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.

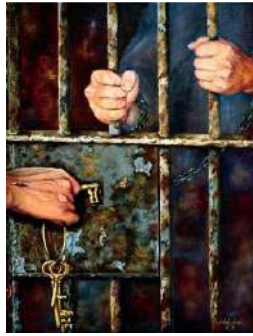
5. An increase in wickedness across the earth.
6. Many will turn away from the truth and betray each other.
7. Great distress - unequalled from the beginning of the world until now - will occur. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light; the stars will 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.

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 in May 1990.



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"

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.

And he (Jesus) said unto them. "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10: 18-19

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. Psalm 145:18

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you: that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work: 2 Corinthians 9: 8

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