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Weekly Encourager – 25 September 2011

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

## GOD'S GUIDING HAND IS MIGHTY AS YOU FIGHT SCHIZOPHRENIA'S UNTRIED WAY

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN CHAPTER 16: Key Verses 5-16: The Work of the Holy Spirit: (Jesus said) "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me."**



There is nothing more necessary to a Christian who is suddenly thrown into the condition of schizophrenia than to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord.

While the pathway of life is untried for us all, utter confusion and uncertainty surrounds the daily steps of a believer who struggles more than most to break free of such a pressing bondage.

Knowing Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth and the Life imparts to you spiritual knowledge and wisdom through the indwelling Holy Spirit that alone can help you steer a course through this mental maze of imprisonment.

I am absolutely certain that the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit, equipped me, strengthened me, and prayed within me, to keep the evil of schizophrenia from overpowering me – and then empowered me to evict it in the Name of Jesus.

Keep hold of this fact – your relationship with Jesus makes it possible to both withstand the hell of schizophrenia attacking your mind, as well as imparting divine revelation about what it is that has invaded your life.

Let's consider the importance of the words of Jesus found in our Bible Chapter for this week and in particular: "When He the Spirit of truth is come, He will guide you into all truth."

Truth about what? The truth about Jesus and God! The truth about yourself! The truth about defeating the evil behind the condition of schizophrenia. Praise God, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth – and how much we need His truth flowing into our lives.

I marvel that after over more than a third of a lifetime, the Holy Spirit – the living Presence of Jesus – was still ministering truth into my spirit and mind, finally to penetrate all the evil behind schizophrenia. That truth became so powerful to active, conscious and living faith. It resulted in bold aggression to drive out all the intruders in my life who thought they could stay unopposed.

I trust that you know the richness of the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit as you seek to win through and defeat schizophrenia. You will need the wisdom and knowledge of the Holy Spirit to guide you into all truth. But Jesus not only draws alongside you but he remains with you forever, see John 14: 16.

**NOTICE: 1. THE STRENGTH OF KNOWING GOD'S GUIDING HAND MAKES YOU STRONGER THAN THE POWER OF ANY DEMON OF SCHIZOPHRENIA.** "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3: 17)." I heard a liberal Christian say on the radio the other day that it was upsetting for a Christian to be told they were demonised by an evil spirit. Not so!! If the presence of an evil spirit is causing you a permanent bondage in your life, surely it is to your advantage to be told so and know it. You can fight a lot better when you know who your enemy is. Because the Holy Spirit guides a Christian into all truth, He has the ability to reveal to you the root cause of a bondage which needs breaking. Receiving the ministry of the Holy Spirit places you in a position where you prevent your life being destroyed because of lack of knowledge. (see Hosea 3:6).

Your whole course of life can change forever by receiving the teaching from the Holy Spirit concerning the evil nature of the mental bondage troubling you. The light and truth received from the Word of God will begin to expose the darkness within. Remember, the words of Jesus are "spirit and life" (see John 6: 63), and abiding in him (see John 15:5) pours His light and truth into your life.

**2. THE SECURITY OF KNOWING GOD'S GUIDING HAND CAUSES YOU TO EXERT FULL TRUST IN GOD.** Take note of John 1.12: "Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God." There is real spiritual power to be obtained through trusting in the grace of God. Faith is power. Because you know your life is in the hands of God you trust Him to bring you through life as a whole, even though it is blighted at the moment by a condition of schizophrenia. Faith stirs in your spirit to believe that the power of the Kingdom of God within you can triumph over this unknown and strange enemy trying to enlarge its hold over your life.

What takes place in your life when you are suddenly "taken over" by a spirit of schizophrenia. Where do you turn? What greater refuge can you seek except in the One in whom you already believe, namely, the dear Son of God, Jesus Christ, who has forgiven your sins and imparted His gift of eternal life to you. What immediately takes place is the commencement of a spiritual war right on the doorstep of your life where the first thing you realise is that your thought life is not as free as it used to be. There is now "another voice" present in your mind that makes life totally confusing. What should you do? The only course of action at such a time is to turn to God wholeheartedly and present your dilemma to him. Call out to God, again and again, by whatever means you can and He will hear and answer you!! Plead the blood of Jesus and his intervention!!

**3. THE SAFETY OF GOD'S GUIDING HAND WILL ALWAYS CONTINUE FOR THE WHOLE OF YOUR LIFE!!** I have a very old decorative text hanging on a wall in my garden shed which has been a source of blessing over the years. It reads: "He knows the untried way, He sees each step ahead. And by His guiding hand, You will be safely led." After giving the disciples The Great Commission, Jesus said: "...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age". (Matthew 28:20). His continuing presence guarantees his continuing guiding hand. No matter what may befall you in life, even the pressure of schizophrenia, you can experience the safety of His guiding hand on your life. While you press in to defeat the spirit of schizophrenia you can do so in the full and certain knowledge that God will guide you in all you do and you can rest in His safety

and keeping. The condition of schizophrenia causes a Christian to have a restless existence, but press in to experience the working of the Word of God in your life and even the pouring out of the rest of the Holy Spirit as you hear His voice and defeat every other strange voice.

The battle of schizophrenia is between the darkness of the evil spirit seeking to rampage in your mind versus the power of your will fortified by the faith of the Lord Jesus Christ living in your heart. It is a wearying battle because it is constant. I don't think that Christians have to fight for their freedom more so than when they suffer with schizophrenia. That's why you need prayer to sustain you. It should never be the case that a Christian church group is lost to know what to pray when one of their friends has schizophrenia. The issue of endurance and perseverance are two areas that need to be focused on in prayer just to keep any believer surviving, and then to pray for a quickening of the Word of God with prayer to rise and assert faith to break through into their long-awaited freedom.

FOR FURTHER READING - See Archive File:

**2011** 29 May: *"You Will Receive Power When the Holy Spirit Comes on You" said Jesus*

**2010** 5 December: *God's Strong Hand is Holding You Fast and Will Not Let You Go*

*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.*

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**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.

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave of 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: 34-36

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58: 11

The God of peace will crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. Romans 16: 20

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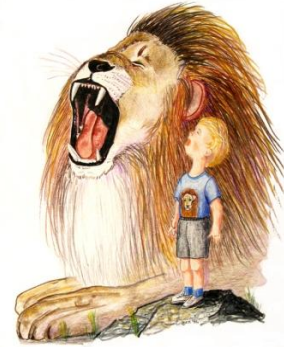
### **The Weekly Encourager**

**2 October: Put On The Helmet of Salvation For Protection**

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

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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*