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Weekly Encourager – 3 October 2010

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

## **REACH OUT AND TRUST A CHRISTIAN FRIEND TO PRAY FOR YOU TO BE DELIVERED**

**THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN 15: Key Verses 9-17: (Jesus said) As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no-one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.**

When you received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, you welcomed in the best friend of all. There is no doubt whatsoever that when God came into your heart and made his home there, the Friend of friends took up his residence within you.

What a moment it must have been for the disciples to hear from the mouth of Jesus, God's only begotten Son, when he called them his friends, provided they did what he commanded them to do.

To fulfil that scripture should be a delight to every Christian believer because "his commands are not grievous to us", but performed out of a loving heart - for God knows we live our lives best of all obeying his commands.

The emphasis this week is on developing your friendship with Jesus each and every day of your life, and, at the same time - difficult though it is on occasions - of reaching out to a fellow Christian or Christians for help to bring you out of schizophrenia.

While there are some Christians who will come through and defeat schizophrenia trusting in Jesus alone to bring them out, there are countless others who are not strong in the faith to accomplish what is required – and therefore need the help of others.

The distortion of truth in the mind of the schizophrenic is so great that help from other Christians is often urgently needed. We need the support of one another in the body of Christ particularly when suffering severe mental bondage.

If you love the Lord Jesus and have schizophrenia, do your best to welcome the friendship of those who are wanting to help you. This is friendship coming your way through the fellowship of believers who love Jesus just like yourself. This is the unique distinction about friendship that comes from members of the body of Jesus Christ.

Someone can be your friend who is not a Christian and, therefore, they are not able to help you in the same way as a friend who has fellowship with Jesus as Saviour like you do.

Friendship that is within fellowship with Jesus is something remarkable. It is friendship with another that stems from knowing Jesus. You share a common love for him. There is nothing just like it in the whole world.

There are no people who really care about their fellow believers like Christians. The life of Jesus in a believer can move that person to love a born-again Christian suffering with schizophrenia though they may live in a different part of the world. The compassion from Jesus is there eager to pray for them to be set free.

The delusion of the condition of schizophrenia is so strong at times that you can think that everyone is against you – even those who love you and are trying to help. You think they are out to harm you, but it is simply not true. Reject such lies in the Name of Jesus.

At the time the Lord led me to Tina, I was in real need of a friend to help me through schizophrenia. Up to that point I was floundering. I saw in Tina a great friend who was always helping and challenging me. She was often at breaking point as she endeavoured to further my quest for freedom and helped shatter the delusions at work in my life.

“I felt like giving up on many occasions. The fact that you were turning to Jesus for strength as you were in the process of seeking freedom, as well as being eager for help from other Christians, made my effort just that bit easier – though it was not an easy fight, by far.” she said.

That statement shows something which ought to be an encouragement and a point of guidance for you, namely, that of continually relying on the strength of Jesus while at the same time accepting help from another Christian (though I must admit that I had fallen in love with her, too).

Because schizophrenia is a spiritual demonic bondage that only Jesus Christ can overcome, it is obvious how a Christian schizophrenic, like yourself, needs to turn in faith to him for the power to get through daily life and harness the power to help receive deliverance and healing. Yes, he is your closest friend, that is without doubt, - so lean hard on him and through the power of the Holy Spirit living within you he can both keep you and empower you to win through.

Strongly believe there is power in the Name of Jesus sufficient to bring you OUT OF BONDAGE. There is enough love of Jesus in his body the Church not only to befriend you as you seek deliverance and healing, but also strong enough to lead you (and others) out into the freedom of Jesus for good.

So value and seek both... the friendship and power coming from Jesus and the friendship and support coming from those who like you really love his Name.

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*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, pour your delivering and healing power into my life as I take authority over the intruder and believe that my mind too can also be completely set free. 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 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 for freedom to know the deliverance and healing of Jesus.

(Jesus said) "When the Counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me; but you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning". John 15: 26-27

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." John 12:44

I will lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you – the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore. Psalm 121

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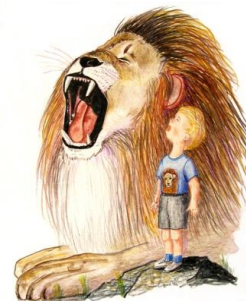
### **The Weekly Encourager:**

**10 October: Hide Yourself Away With God and Receive Strength to Defeat Schizophrenia**

**17 October: The Power of God to Help You Keep Your Sanity and Break Free of Schizophrenia**

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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-versed 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*