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PREVAILING PRAYER ALWAYS RECEIVES THE ANSWER SOUGHT. TO KNOW GOD'S SPECIAL EMPOWERMENT IN YOUR PRAYER AND THE STRENGTHENING OF YOUR FAITH HELP SECURE THE ANSWER.

Jesus said: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples." John 15 verse 7-8

Charlotte: So, 17 years ago you were delivered and healed from schizophrenia, James. How has the journey been since then? Tina, maybe you'd like to share a little bit with us about how from the day that James was healed and delivered things have been.

Tina: Yes, following that we did get engaged and got married in 1991, which was a wonderful day. Then when we went on our honeymoon to Malta, it also was a lovely time, but I could see that there were certain limitations still. If James got tired, that would often bring up irritability, which was a pattern of the old self, if you like. So the only way of dealing with that over the years, and other issues too, was through prayer, but I will just hone in on irritability due to tiredness.

We used to have to actually gently confront him about it and say after a particular instant, "Lovey, this is not right." Sometimes he would go off in a huff just like the old pattern, but then after prayer, he would often return and say, "You were right. Let's both get down and pray about it." When we did that, then we would find that the whole oppression would lift.

Gradually over the years, certain things God has dealt with, like He does with all our lives with certain wrong attitudes, but particularly with James's bondage with schizophrenia patterns. God released him as he responded to me in a way of gentle confrontation. But if I lost my cool, which I did at times to be honest, it didn't do a thing. It didn't do anything. When I really prayed and went to him and said such and such a thing, God always worked; I can say that. So really, it's all down to us being obedient, isn't it?

Myself and James, as a couple, had to walk in total obedience and openness to God and each other. So I can honestly say today our marriage has got better and better. There are new things that God is going to do. Even two weeks ago, He gave us such joy in a time of worship that has actually brought even greater release. So God is always doing new things.

Charlotte: James, in terms that you were a Christian with schizophrenia, what would you say to people who may be reading this that may not agree that born again Christian believers can have evil spirits or demon possession? What would your response be to that?

James: Well, after being in a prison house for 26 years, I can just simply say, as I mentioned earlier when Jesus does bring you to himself, He does free us from sin and the penalty of sin, but there can be things left in our lives even of a demonic nature. If we are to be quite honest about this, there is a lot of what might be termed "baggage" in the lives of Christians who are mature Christians, who have been up for prayer in an earnest and loving way to the front year after year, and they have not become free. These are people who have bondages still in their lives, which I do believe in many cases could be demonically induced.

So, we have to really wake up and just see how things really are. This was a demonic bondage, and there is nothing else that could have got rid of it for me, except the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Sad to say, the church has been really living with blinkers on, not willing to kind of see things as God sees them. The whole difference comes to us when we allow the Holy Spirit to

reveal things to us as they really are. The word of God as we know says when He the Spirit of truth has come, He will guide us into all truth. It is only followers of Jesus Christ who have the revelation of what schizophrenia is all about, and, I do believe, many other bondages people are carrying who call themselves followers of the Lord.

Charlotte: As the church, if we have members of our congregation that are suffering with schizophrenia, how would you address pastors and congregation members to deal with this?

James: What I would say first of all, they need to look at these people with the heart of Jesus, a heart of compassion. They first of all have to get to know them, and show an interest in them. But the conviction has to be kind of in the heart that God not only loves them, but He has provided the means whereby these people can be free. And schizophrenics are not generally free because no one is taking the time to love them, and to go get their hands dirty, pray, and bring these people into worship, and just receive them for who they are.

We were ministering to one man in our home, because we began at one stage before my wife Tina was poorly, we began to have some in our home to pray with them. It occurred to me this day that I didn't really know this man who was in my home. He was coming for prayer, and that was good, but I was really ministering to him just on that footing. I didn't get to know anything about him. So I invited him to come another day and he helped me to paint the fence, and we had a great time together. I was being shown by the Lord that I needed to love this kind of person, to show I had an interest in him, and that I was not just interested in him to minister to him. So we need to find the compassion of Jesus, which is the key to everything isn't it?

Charlotte: Absolutely. Can you tell us a little bit about PUSH?

James: PUSH stands for "Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals" and this is something which we got going because it's really a ministry of hope. There is one out of every 100 people throughout the entire world despite wherever they are in the nations of the world who have schizophrenia. We just wanted to sound out with a trumpet voice that Jesus is the only One who can thoroughly set free and restore a person who has this bondage.

So we have a website, which is simply called www.schizophreniadefeated.com, which is the same title of [my autobiography](#).

Charlotte: Which is also wonderful. Yes, I was having a good read of that; it's a great book. So we can actually order that online too?

James: Yes, there is a facility to do that ([click here](#))

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Dear Heavenly Father, teach me the secrets of triumphant overcoming and show me to learn to triumph by your gracious Holy Spirit helping me triumph. I am in no textbook mock battle but continually confront the powers of darkness in prayer and need help to be taught spiritual skill to overcome. I claim victory in the Name of Jesus Christ, your Son and my Saviour. Amen

James Stacey

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