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"HAVE FAITH THAT WHATEVER YOU ASK IN PRAYER IS ALREADY GRANTED YOU, AND YOU WILL FIND THAT IT WILL BE" said Jesus (Mark 11:24)

If ever there was a verse of Scripture from the lips of Jesus which every Christian schizophrenic needed to adopt as their personal motto it is this much-loved promise.

In their own quest for freedom to reach the God-intended desire that "life is mine to live", it will take every bit of reliance on Jesus to get there - be completely assured.

For the mind and life of the schizophrenic has become so embroiled in demonic darkness that it is only the Divine intervention of Jesus who can unravel life's most complicated mental prison-house.

Think for a moment what the Christian schizophrenic is going through. In the desire to become free he/she is contending against a personality inside their own, feeding insidious thoughts and bent on complete mastery and destruction.

While endeavouring to find and live to the guidance and dictates of the Spirit of God and possess the mind of Christ, they are often utterly confused.

One day he/she may think that a line of discipline being pursued is definitely of God, then the next it is questioned according to how much light is shining into the spirit.

That's why it is such a battle to fall out of disagreement with the voices and personality of the demon of schizophrenia who all the time schemes to draw other spirits to overwhelm the life of the believer.

BUT HERE IS THE GOOD NEWS!! The power of the Lord Jesus Christ is stronger than the kingdom and power of darkness of Satan and through living, active and conscious faith the believer **CAN HAVE** the promised freedom of Jesus for his/her own.

Let's talk about FAITH - the kind that wins the day; the kind that asserts itself in the finished work of Jesus who really did defeat all the powers of the devil. It's that kind of faith that is required. Faith that dwells in Jesus and His Word. Read the word of God to build up your faith! Memorise it. Remember: "...faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God", (Romans 10 verse 17) ... "and without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him." (Hebrews 11 verse 6). Desire to have a heart with every thought renewed in Jesus.

All the resources of heaven are aligned with you. Other Christians with a compassionate heart are ready to stand with you to make you strong in prayer and help you in the fight to become free. Seek them out. Yes, don't minimise how much you need the prayers of God's people. Do enlist their help (even the ministry of PUSH).

Cry out to God for the faith that brings deliverance. Get alone with the King of the Universe who is aware of your every move and stands to give you his strength every moment. The resources of heaven are on your side. Pray on. Keep believing. Strength is promised to enable you take control of your life and move into the freedom of Jesus.

If you think that the fight to become free is too hard and you'll never make it, know this.....every day as you stand in the liberty of Jesus that you have so far your possession of God, and His

possession of you, WILL GROW AND GROW.

Your tiring, even exhausting fight sometimes, will see its reward. The prison gates will yield and you will stand with God's purchased freedom at Calvary fully yours.

Don't give up. Never ever throw in the towel. Jesus is making you strong as you know that in His strength YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS.

Faith in Jesus comes at a price. The Bible rightly calls it "precious faith" (1 Peter 1 verse 7). Your faith is the most precious thing you have. Not faith in faith, but living, vibrant, dynamic faith in your precious Saviour Jesus Christ. Pray - "Give me the faith that can remove and sink the mountain to a plain".

Prayer: "Yes, dear Heavenly Father, as I come to you in and through your Son the Lord Jesus Christ, impart into my life that kind of faith which takes hold of all the resources you have made available to me as a believer. Make me more than an a conqueror and free me of the evil spirit of schizophrenia. I take ownership of my life and claim your freedom that makes my life truly mine to live. In His Name, I pray, Amen.

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