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

PRAYING THE WORD OF GOD INTO YOUR LIFE WILL DYNAMITE THE SCHIZOPHRENIA DEMON OUT FOR GOOD

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS EPHESIANS CHAPTER 6: Selected verses 10-19: Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

There is growing acceptance among Christians suffering with schizophrenia, and those who have family members and friends battling the bondage, that the root source is demonic.

The question must be asked: "How long will it take for the whole body of Christ to reach the same verdict of agreement over such a dark and evil intrusion into life?"

The ministry of Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals is seeking wider support for you and countless thousands like you from the world's Christian church to believe that Jesus Christ HAS the answer to defeat schizophrenia – and in believing the truth move into acts of compassion to set the captives free.

We wish to encourage Christians to come alongside those like yourself who struggle with the dark bondage and engage in prayer for you. Such action must focus on praying the word of God into your life.

It is a significant day the moment you discover the power of praying the Word of God into your life or receive an answer to prayer through someone or a group praying for you to make that discovery.

Let's mention two great benefits of battling through and defeating schizophrenia aided by knowing the glorious resurrection power of Jesus Christ living in you through praying the Word of God.

Firstly, you are able to wield "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." (Ephesians 6: 17). Through knowing Jesus as your Saviour, you have received forgiveness of sins and His promised indwelling Spirit. Not only are you now able to have fellowship with God, but there is the ability and power residing in you through living, active and conscious faith in Jesus to drive out the evil spirit of schizophrenia.

The actual confusion which can occur in your mind as you strive to use the sword of the Spirit is something to expect. This is because you are battling to live in the truth of God as a lying spirit still has hold of your mind. One day you see light because the light of God shines through, the next you have your thoughts challenged because the demon is sowing lies into your mind. It's a real problem but not too big for God to deal with!!

Even though you memorise powerful scriptures and use them, the progress to freedom out of schizophrenia may often seem slow. But all progress is valuable on the path to deliverance and healing, and always good progress. It is so important to have an army of intercessors around you to bathe your mind in the light of God's truth coming from their prayers. Your day of freedom will surely come through the abundance of dynamic spiritual light from God bursting forth in resurrection power!!

The Christian Church needs to wake up and really start praying for Christians, like yourself, to be set free on this point – that of storming heaven for those suffering with schizophrenia for an avalanche of truth to drop into their minds to be able to remain sane and fight on in the armour of God to freedom.

Secondly, the **“Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”** Hebrews 4:12.

Are you aware of those powerful words of Jesus taken from John Chapter 6 verse 63 where He says: **“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.”** Jesus is the Eternal Word of God and you and I are meant to live by every word that proceeds from God's mouth.

In the early days of struggling with schizophrenia, I am so thankful to God that in response to my prayer to want to know Him more there came the invaluable discovery of seeing the need to know the living words of Jesus into my spirit.

It was a discovery that gave me a lifeline of hope in many instances of desperation. When Satan tried to end my life, God would not allow me to forfeit or lose the hold of His word in my heart. He was amazingly faithful.

The battle and ultimate defeat of schizophrenia comes when the supremacy of the Word of God triumphs in your life. Demons cannot tolerate the destroying power of God's spirit in you wielding the Word of God.

Be encouraged and move forward as you allow the dynamite of God's Word in your heart to clear a path to permanent and lasting freedom. May God equip you and bless you richly.

(Further Help - click on Chapter 9 taken from *Schizophrenia Defeated* detailing how God used the power of His Word in prayer to bring me into glorious freedom after 26 long years in prison).

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 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.

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

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 said): "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." Luke 22: 31-32

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10: 19-22

(Jesus said): "So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no-one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." John 16: 22-24

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30 January: Let The Power Of The Cross Where Jesus Died Grip You As You Read The Bible
6 February: Praising God and Declaring His Victory Will Cause the Demon of Schizophrenia to Leave Your Life

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

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