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

## DOES EVERY CHRISTIAN SCHIZOPHRENIC NEED A DELIVERANCE MINISTER?

### THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS JOHN'S GOSPEL CHAPTER 4

**Key Verses: 10-13:** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." **23-26:** (Jesus declared) "Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

Most certainly, without a shadow of doubt, every born-again Christian seeking to be completely free of schizophrenia ought to have the support of / access to a deliverance minister. Knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and yielding to his authority gives you the power to resist the devil, but don't choose to completely "go it alone" in your fight to become free through embarking on self-deliverance! We strongly recommend you grab with both hands the invaluable help of a deliverance minister, even to the point of praying that God will send you one.

The main reasons for making this recommendation are three-fold – (1) Though self-deliverance is possible based on faith in Jesus Christ, you may sometimes struggle in what could be a long battle to maintain the kind of faith required to achieve breakthrough of schizophrenia (2) or possess the gift of discernment to know what spirits are attacking you. (3) Therefore, it is particularly advantageous to have submitted to others in the Body of Christ to check you out in your progress to freedom.

Because the defeat of schizophrenia involves a major confrontation and driving out of evil spirits of darkness, of which the key one is schizophrenia, it is recommended that each captive has the back-up support of a deliverance minister along the road to gain real freedom in Christ.

You may ask: "I have Jesus, isn't he enough to help me deliver myself?" Yes, of course, he is. But some bondages are more complicated than others and the schizophrenia type is among the deepest entrenched and the strongest. You may be actively pursuing your Lord and Saviour to lead you out of this unpleasant dark dungeon and at times feel you are prevailing in prayer. Even so – do seriously consider taking on board a deliverance minister – someone to stand with you for at some stage you are sure to need help. If you have no-one praying for you, counselling you, why not begin by asking God to send you someone?

I have found that deliverance ministers standing by as a task force ready to help schizophrenics are few and far between. But all that is changing!! Those who love the Lord Jesus are receiving compassion from their Strong Deliverer to see the captives set free. Loved ones are waking up to see that members of their family, long held in the grip of this demonic bondage, can be set free and are now praying accordingly. The word is getting out and being shared to highlight that mental illness is no any longer the domain only of the psychiatrist, or the medical world, but is the field of the GREAT PHYSICIAN who can and does set free.

If you are a Christian schizophrenic and have half-a-chance at recruiting a qualified deliverance minister(s) take it, for it can only accelerate your progress to freedom in Christ. The Christian church in the past has not been involved in helping the mentally afflicted as it ought. The labourers in this particular "harvest field", if it can be described as such, have been few, but there are more signs of faith arising that Jesus can set mental captives free, among whom schizophrenics rank among the

most needy.

I advocate from experience seeking a deliverance minister because I had the privilege of having two main deliverance ministers support me in my 26-year-long struggle to freedom. Hard to imagine how I ever would have coped and broken through to total freedom in Jesus Christ without the admirable devotion and efforts of Pam, my late first wife, and Tina to whom I am now happily married. It's one thing to want a deliverance minister to help you get through the worst psychotic disorder of all, it's quite another when God chooses your deliverance minister for you and finally opens "an impossible door" for you to enter into a married relationship with them.

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We are continuing to insert at the bottom of the Weekly Encourager, some powerful scriptures for you to learn and commit to memory and USE in your prayer battle against 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 pursuit of the freedom of Jesus.

(Jesus said) "But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house." Matthew 12 28-29

(Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say) "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death". Revelation 12:11

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body. 1 Corinthians 6 19-20

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***The Weekly Encourager:***

***7<sup>th</sup> March: How Fasting, When Added to Prayer, Aids the Breakthrough to Freedom from Schizophrenia.***

***14<sup>th</sup> March: How to Resist and Defeat The Destructive Voices of Schizophrenia***

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You too can know the help and strength that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. If you have already received him, then keep in touch with him every day through regular prayer and bible study. By so doing, you will begin to discern his voice a lot clearer, and as sharing your life with Christ grows there will come inner and silent strength to overcome every other voice that may trouble you.

If you have never received Jesus Christ into your life, then why not do it RIGHT NOW, as we guide you in a prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ I approach you knowing I am separated from you by sin. I know I have also sinned in my thoughts, words and actions. There are so many good things I have not done and there are so many sinful things I have done. I believe that you died on the Cross in my place that I might be brought back to God the Father and know forgiveness and the gift of eternal life. I now ask you to come into my life and cancel out the sin that separates from you. Come in and cleanse me through the power of your blood. Come in as my Lord to control me. Come with the strength of your grace and the power of your Holy Spirit to defeat the evil of schizophrenia which troubles me and bring me right through into the glorious freedom of your kingdom. I ask this, giving you thanks, in your Name. Amen

You may be reading the Weekly Encourager for the very first time; or perhaps you've stumbled across our website in a desperate search to break free of schizophrenia which has just dawned on your life; or maybe you've been looking at W.E. every week for encouragement to help you overcome this "monster" of mental illnesses and have already gained HOPE that the Lord Jesus Christ is the One to open the prison door to freedom in your life once and for all.

We encourage you to keep logging into the site as often as you can for scriptural advice and help as we continue to point to the One 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 to die for you and me on the Cross at a place called Calvary just outside Jerusalem 2,000 years. In that great sacrifice, He paid the punishment and penalty of your sin and mine by dying for us and on the third day rose from the dead as "The Resurrection and the Life". He released the power of the Holy Spirit into the life of every believer accepting his sacrifice. A life-transforming experience that you too can know!!

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**Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals**

"I will proclaim your mighty acts,  
O sovereign Lord" Psalm 71: 16

