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Weekly Encourager – 12 December 2010

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

## SHARING THE VISION OF HAVING A HEALING RESCUE HOME IN THE U.K. TO SET CHRISTIANS FREE OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

THIS WEEK'S SELECTED BIBLE READING IS LUKE 10: Key verses 25-37: The Parable of the Good Samaritan (see also Matthew 22: 34-40; Mark 12:28-31). On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He answered: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wind. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, 'Look after him', he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' Which of these three do you think was neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

There are rehabilitation centres for drug and alcohol addicts, homes for the homeless, institutions and charities helping endless disadvantaged people, and support groups covering a multitude of various needs of one form and another ... but where are the rescue healing homes to bring Christians suffering from schizophrenia into full freedom?

This Weekly Encourager takes the unusual step of directing its message away from those seeking scriptural guidance and help out of the psychotic bondage, to those whose hearts are burdened day in and day out to see Christian loved ones and friends enjoying the freedom of Jesus Christ.

Are you among the large number of Christians who would welcome the emergence of rescue healing homes for fellow believers who, unless some action is taken, are destined never to find the deliverance and freedom already procured by Jesus, the powerful Deliverer of the world?

There is a vast number of Christian believers in our nation who firmly believe that the illness or bondage of schizophrenia will never be broken in the lives of loved ones in the current dispassionate atmosphere of psychiatric help and pathetic, so-called "care in the community". They are now looking to Jesus alone for the answer. Is the time drawing near for those of us similarly-minded to come together and move forward in compassionate, effective action to set the captives free?

Praise God that a growing multitude of God's people are believing that a crippling mental bondage so deep as schizophrenia needs to be addressed as an evil, spiritual bondage of darkness only capable of being defeated by the mighty power of Jesus. But pray for so many who through ignorance and fear are so afraid of the suggestion that schizophrenia is rooted in demonic rejection. (See next week's Weekly Encourager).

The opportunity of helping Christians suffering with schizophrenia is so vast. The need is so immense and so challenging. What a powerful testimony to the glory of God would be raised if those of us who say we believe "all things are possible with God" arose from our sleep to take hold by faith of the power that "makes all things happen." Prayer and faith administered in love would achieve freedom for so many Christians suffering which schizophrenia left by the roadside of indifference!!

Do you believe in a God who can do what many would say is impossible? You can only find a few Christians who have been delivered from schizophrenia walking around, but Jesus has the power to set

a host of His people free. For the past few years through the ministry of Pray Until Schizophrenia Heals, our aim has been to make it known that Jesus CAN DELIVER from schizophrenia. I feel that with over 20 years of established healing and almost 23 years off all medication it is news people should take notice of – and begin to believe it for themselves (as many are doing).

The 19<sup>th</sup> century philosopher, Arthur Schopenauer, wrote: "Every truth passes through three stages before it is accepted. In the first, it is ridiculed. In the second, it is opposed. In the third, it is regarded as self-evident."

The important truth concerning deliverance and healing from schizophrenia is, I believe, going through a process in the Church of Jesus Christ. However, if the Church was further on with God in believing what it says it believes about the power of God to deliver then that process would be unnecessary. You see, the real truth of God does not have to pass through the three stages mentioned above in the hearts of faith-filled believers. Because the truth of God is eternal and never changes since it rests on the Word of God, then those who believe in Jesus can receive it all at once through the inspiration of His indwelling Holy Spirit. We should have no unbelief about whether Jesus can set people free of schizophrenia!!

Jesus once told the Jews who had believed in him: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (see John 8 verses 31-32). It is through knowing Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life" that a person is set free of schizophrenia. Every bit of spiritual darkness has to move out when he resides in the heart. Schizophrenia is a condition and bondage of spiritual darkness and cannot rule in the life of a believer who only wants Jesus on the throne of their life!!

The vision of having a Healing Rescue Home(s) in the U.K. – or in any other part of the world for that matter – is not a fanciful, impractical idea. In a very small way, our bit of ministry from home right now is giving HOPE to Christians in need of a breakthrough of the power and love of Jesus to defeat schizophrenia.

So much more could and needs to be done to help Christian schizophrenics who are fighting through to victory. To help them overcome what has been aptly described "as the deepest, most involved and most determined deliverance" by one deliverance minister, by being residents in a Healing Rescue Home for as long as it takes to receive restoration would be a great triumph of the love of Jesus through his caring people. Perhaps some day we shall see it happen!!

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.

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Isaiah 9: 2

The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he (Jesus) found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." Luke 4: 17-19

(Jesus said): "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." John 14: 25-27

#### The Weekly Encourager

# 19 December: It is Ignorance and Fear About the Demonic That Delays Your Freedom from Schizophrenia

## 26 December and 2 January 2011: Celebrate Christmas and New Year With a Knowledge of the Healing Presence of the Saviour of the World

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-tried 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