

Jesus, MY great physician.

Slowly being healed while still being in a wheelchair and having various diseases, mental and physical.



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I have been sick most of my life mentally and now as a 41 year old man I am finding Jesus as **MY great physician**. When I was a child I had someone frighten me that much that I blocked it out of my memory. Later on in life I remembered it and several G.P.'s and psychiatrists have said that one event was the most traumatic event of my life has been the cause of the start of my mental illnesses. Many doctors have said I have post traumatic stress disorder, schizophrenia, a personality disorder of unknown type and later it is wondered by some if I have disassociative identity disorder which is the current or new name for multiple personality disorder as a result of that but hasn't yet been confirmed as I write this, but the symptoms are there.

I must say here that when I was about 10 years old I committed my life to Jesus Christ. But that bad event happened before then and I had forgotten the night I screamed and cried myself to sleep while Mum comforted me while the person roared with laughter. I still hear that every time I struggle with voices in my head. I always have since that event and his voice is the one of my schizophrenia voices in my head.

But my struggles aren't always mental. I can't walk or stand even in my own home without the **danger** of falling over. My neurologist who is an epilepsy specialist in my types (I have epilepsy too) has given me his utmost blessing on my using a wheelchair even though I can walk a bit. When he first saw my wheelchair (and he has been my consultant more than half my life and is considered the best in Australia) said it was the best thing he has ever seen me do in over 20 years of being my specialist doctor.

During my life I have had all sorts of abuse done to me or at least tried from people both in and out of the church. They have been done or tried physically (I've been bashed), emotionally, spiritually by extremist's and sadly sexually. I have had people three times try to take me away in their cars by force and in other ways at other times.

To try and get away from these painful events I have tried various ways to get away from this pain it caused. I have run away but with over 200 people praying I wasn't away for long. I even attempted suicide which I haven't written about in poetry in a chapter in my book called Hope in a dark place. From suicide I was clinically dead in hospital for a brief time and experienced the after life but was brought back. Sadly it is still a struggle with depression but I am slowly overcoming. It is not something I recommend.

Some Christians say that once you come to Jesus all your problems will go away. Personally I don't remember Jesus ever saying that which is what I believe about my life. Jesus himself said that in this life you will have tribulations (problems). I have proved that to be true.

Unfortunately I went to extremists who treated me as possessed but I don't follow them now. I believe those sorts of people need serious help themselves. They did nothing but spiritually abuse me both in and out of the church. Thank God they are far and few.

I am not totally healed in every way yet. But Jesus is still in the healing process slowly. I still have mental illnesses, diabetes, am losing my speech and writing abilities through aphasia (see www.aphasia.org.au) underactive thyroid gland, 24 hour back pain since I was 16, allergies amongst numerous other things but I would rather have them and totally lose my voice **AND KNOW JESUS** than have never experienced him and always be 100% perfect life without pain.

You see this life isn't everything. This life isn't everything and to me knowing Jesus is the goal of life. I am a "pilgrim person" and my goal or Promised Land, my final resting place is heaven. It's up to God to say when my time is up. When I am healed totally will be when I see my savior face to face in heaven.

The Encourager.

The Encourager is a newsletter that started in 2002 to bring encouragement to the mentally ill. It later became a website called www.christiansformentalhealth.com/ that continued to the physically disabled through another website www.christiandisabledaustralia.net

Through them I aim to encourage provide hope and information to those concerned. I intend to also do talks in church and community groups on disability too.

For me healing has been a slow process and Jesus is still healing me though medical help, taking prescribed medication properly, though prayer, corporate worship. I find that worship of God where the Holy Spirit is present, Jesus my Lord and spiritual brother continues to heal me. It took me about 31 years of being a Christian and 41 years of Christian teaching to learn this but I am learning. Worship brings my personalities all into one.

If you haven't experienced Jesus yet and you are reading or hearing this, regardless of whether you are sick or not, the best thing you can do is follow him. As I and others have said he doesn't always take all your problems instantly but he promises never to leave you once you decide to follow him. Just ask him to forgive you for all the things you have done wrong (none of us are perfect) and ask him to be Lord of your life. You will never regret it in this life in this life or the next and ask him with an open mind to lead you to a bible believing church. God bless you as you follow him.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son so that whosoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. John 3; 16 – 17

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Hi There

I am writing to say that I do talks on disability and mental health to churches, community and social groups. I offer a brief talk and have self published books and books and DVD's and Christian books on subjects related to various aspects of disability and mental health. I am looking into showing a short DVD too at the presentation. I will need a screen and player there.

I am not just a self professed expert on the subject preaching from a university degree. My only degrees are from the school of hard knocks having been mentally and physically ill throughout my life. I have had and still do have many disabled friends so can speak briefly from many fields. I am here to encourage and offer insight.

What I am writing to you about is saying that I am willing to come to your church or community group on the importance and how to be more disabled friendly, give a talk and have books and DVD's for sale at the end of the talk at lower than retail prices. I have my self published books too including one called Hope in a dark place.

I have been in work to the mentally ill since 2002 with "The Encourager" newsletter and later website at www.theencourager.info/ In the first year of running that I received many cards and letters including one person saying I helped them not commit suicide. In 2009 I started another website www.christiandisabledaustralia.net with the theme "disabled ARE ABLE".

If you would like to book me for a fee to just cover costs of transport, postage, advertising etc please contact me at the details above. Leaving a phone number would be appreciated. I don't advertise my phone number for public knowledge.

I am in a wheelchair and can come most days. If you have wheelchair access that would be great but if not we can usually cope with prior warning. Pre booking preferred of more than 4 weeks is required. If you have any questions contact me best is by post. Feel free to check out the websites and contact me if you are interested in having a public speaker. All payments can be made in cash only for the book sales and talk preferred cash. Any questions contact me. Thank you. **Colourful Dave**