Schizophrenia, Psychosis, and Scripture?

Finding Certainty in Chaos
“Schizophrenia is like a waking nightmare where you have all the bizarre images, frightening things happening. That's what it feels like, the terror, the confusion, impossible bizarre happenings that don't happen in real life but seem to be happening — happening right now. Only with a nightmare you sit up in bed and open up your eyes and it goes away. But you can't just open your eyes and make a psychotic episode go away.”

Elyn Saks
“Or try this: Place yourself in the middle of the room. Turn on the stereo, the television, and a beeping video game, and then invite into the room several small children with ice cream cones. Crank up the volume on each piece of electrical equipment, then take away the children’s ice cream. Imagine these circumstances existing every day and night of your life.”

■ Elyn Saks
A ministry of orientation

“We walk by faith, not by sight.”
2 Corinthians 4-5

- We do not lose heart because.... we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen

- For we are always of good courage... for we walk by faith, not by sight
- God sees you. He knows your frame
- He does not treat you as your sins deserve
- You can bless his name
Scripture orients:

Purpose

- Be vulnerable
- Face hard things
- Love others
Practical thoughts
Orienting is slow, and must be revisited

Build a relationship of trust

Propose and consider together alternative interpretations

(Super)impose biblical categories
A testimony