

The Open Heaven 10 August 2025 devotional for today is .

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OPEN HEAVEN 10 AUGUST 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DON'T ALLOW DISCOURAGEMENT

MEMORISE

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

1 Samuel 30:6

READ: Numbers 11:4-17

- 4 And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?
- 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:
- 6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.
- 7 And the manna was as coriander seed, and the colour thereof as the colour of bdellium.
- 8 And the people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it

in pans, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil.

- 9 And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.
- 10 Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the Lord was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased.
- 11 And Moses said unto the Lord, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me?
- 12 Have I conceived all this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers?
- 13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.
- 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me.
- 15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretchedness.
- 16 And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee.
- 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 10 AUGUST 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

In today's Bible reading, the Israelites were murmuring and weeping, saying, "We want meat; we are tired of eating manna." They had been murmuring consistently for 40 years, and Moses had been coping, but this time around, he told God,

"I didn't give birth to these people. Why are You asking me to carry their burden? Kill me because I'm tired of all this."

God replied, "Since you say the burden is too much, get me 70 men, and I'll take of the spirit on you and put it on them."

When you think about the fact that the anointing upon Moses was divided by 70, you'll realise that the new Moses was less anointed than the previous one. Because of this, not long after that, in Numbers 20:7-12, the man God Himself described as the meekest man on the earth (Numbers 12:3) erupted in anger. The anointing that had allowed him to cope for 40 years had been depleted due to his words during a time of discouragement.

Discouragement can make people say things that would limit them in life and negatively impact their destiny.

Elijah also allowed his words in a time of discouragement to put an abrupt end to his ministry. After calling down fire on Mount Carmel, Jezebel threatened him, and he fled.

He became so discouraged as he ran away that he asked God to kill him. Thankfully, God didn't fulfil his wish; instead, He sent an angel to feed him (1 Kings 19:1-8). Afterwards, however, He gave him his last assignment to anoint Jehu, Hazael, and Elisha, his replacement (1 Kings 19:15-16). His ministry ended when he allowed discouragement to make him say the wrong things. John the Baptist also got so discouraged that he began to doubt everything he had earlier declared.

He had declared concerning Jesus, "Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Yet, he was the same person who sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the One to come or should we look for another?" (Luke 7:19-20). Not long after that, he was beheaded (Luke 9:7-9).

Beloved, while you cannot stop discouraging circumstances from happening, you can choose how to respond to them. Like David, you can encourage yourself in the Lord, as seen in today's memory verse. God is able to keep you from falling (Jude 1:24). He is also able to give you a mighty turnaround, but you must put your trust in Him. He is more than able to see you through any discouraging circumstances that may come your way.

OPEN HEAVEN 10 AUGUST KEY POINT

Do not allow discouragement to make you say the wrong things.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 22-24

HYMN 21: STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF CHRIST MY KING

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 10 AUGUST 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 1 Samuel 30:6

"And David was greatly distressed... but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God."
This verse reveals **the antidote to discouragement**—not denial of pain, but **active faith** that turns to God in crisis.

BIBLE READING: Numbers 11:4-17

This passage exposes three dangers of discouragement:

- 1. v.4-6: Complaint corrupts memory (forgetting God's miracles)
- 2. v.10-11: Frustration distorts perspective (Moses' death wish)
- 3. **v.16-17**: **Compromise dilutes anointing** (the 70-elders "solution")

The High Cost of Discouragement

Daddy Adeboye's teaching traces how discouragement sabotaged giants of faith:

- 1. Moses: The Depleted Anointing (Numbers 11:17)
 - 40 Years of Patience? One Moment of Despair
 - Result:
 - Lost exclusive access to God (Numbers 12:8 ? 20:12)
 - Forfeited Promised Land entry
- 2. Elijah: The Premature Exit (1 Kings 19:4)
 - After Mount Carmel Victory? Jezebel's Threat
 - Fatal Words: "Take my life"
 - Consequence:
 - Anointed his replacement (Elisha)
 - Ministry ended abruptly (2 Kings 2:11)
- 3. John the Baptist: The Faith Collapse (Luke 7:19)
 - From Bold Proclamation ? Doubtful Question
 - Outcome: Beheaded without seeing Christ's resurrection

How to Overcome Discouragement

- 1. Follow David's Pattern (1 Samuel 30:6)
 - Step 1: Acknowledge distress ("David was greatly distressed")
 - Step 2: Self-leadership ("encouraged himself")
 - Step 3: Divine focus ("in the LORD his God")
- 2. Guard Your Words (Proverbs 18:21)

- Moses' Mistake: "Kill me!" (Numbers 11:15)
- Better Response: "Lord, I'm overwhelmed—show me Your way" (Exodus 33:13)

3. Reframe Your Perspective

- Israel's Error: Saw manna as boring (Numbers 11:6)
- Truth: It was angelic food (Psalm 78:25)!

Prayer for Unshakable Faith

*"Father, make me **discouragement-proof!** When storms come, let my first response be to **encourage myself in You**. Renew my anointing like the eagle's (Isaiah 40:31), and silence every death-wish word trying to escape my lips, in Jesus' name!"*

Action Steps

- 1. Create a "Faith Bank": Write down 10 past victories—read them when discouraged
- 2. Fast from Complaints: Go 24 hours without murmuring (Philippians 2:14)
- 3. Prophesy Life: When tempted to speak despair, declare Psalm 27:13-14 aloud

Conclusion: The Encouraged Remnant

Daddy Adeboye's warning is clear: **Discouragement is a thief of destiny**, but **those who encourage themselves in God**:

- Preserve their anointing (unlike Moses)
- Extend their ministry (unlike Elijah)
- Die with faith intact (unlike John the Baptist)

"Your darkest hour is God's setup for your greatest comeback—if you don't speak defeat over it."

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