Open Heaven 10 June 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 10 June 2025 devotional for today is CLEAVE AS ONE II.

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TOPIC: CLEAVE AS ONE II

MEMORISE:

Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. Matthew 19:6

READ: Psalms 133:1-3

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

2 It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

3 As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 10 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, I will continue my discussion on why spouses should cleave together. When a married couple live far apart from each other for a long period of time, they will both begin to change according to their different environments without realising it. As people grow older and have new experiences, they change, and if a married couple are not going through these experiences together, they may become strangers to each other after a while. By the time such couples finally come together, they will likely be shocked by their differences.

It is difficult to cleave as one with someone you are not living with. What creates strong bonds between some siblings is not just the fact that they were born by the same parents but that they grew up together and went through certain experiences together. This is also why childhood friends have a strong bond. If you really want to cleave as one with your spouse, you need to live through experiences together.

You may say, "We talk about our day on the phone every evening," but that is not the same as physical interaction. When you study the Bible, you will see that couples who relocated did so together. When Abraham relocated to Egypt, he went with Sarah (Genesis 13:1). When Elimelech went to Moab in search of greener pastures, he went with his wife, Naomi (Ruth 1:1). Although their story was tragic, the lesson is that relocation should be a joint venture. When the angel appeared to Joseph to take Jesus to Egypt because of Herod's murderous intention, the family went together (Matthew 2:13-14).

There may be some unavoidable situations that may require one partner to travel to another location first. However, in such situations, the family should not stay apart for more than six months before they come back together again.

It is not healthy for couples to cause a separation in their marriage just because they want to relocate to another location they consider to be 'greener pastures'. Anything that will affect the unity of a marriage shouldn't be considered or permitted. Couples should do everything possible to stay together because God commands it (Mark 10:9). When they are together, it is easier to pray and agree on certain matters. However, when they are in different countries with different time zones, it is more difficult. Cleaving to one's spouse requires being intentional about bonding, being united, and living through experiences together.

OPEN HEAVEN 10 JUNE 2025 KEY POINT:

It is important for married couples to be intentional about living through life's experiences together.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 28-33

HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 10 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY

The Divine Imperative for Togetherness

God's design for marriage is **permanent**, **purposeful proximity**. Today's devotional builds on Genesis 2:24 to emphasize that **physical separation erodes marital unity**—a truth increasingly neglected in our mobile, career-driven generation. Through biblical examples and practical wisdom, we'll explore why cleaving demands **intentional togetherness**.

1. The Dangers of Prolonged Separation

A. Gradual Transformation into Strangers

- Reality: Humans evolve through experiences.
- Risk:
 - Different environments shape different values/habits (Amos 3:3).
 - "You've changed" becomes inevitable when change happens apart.
- Example:
 - Missionary couples serving together vs. spouses in different continents.

B. Weakened Spiritual Covering

- Biblical Principle:
 - A 3-fold cord (God + husband + wife) isn't easily broken (Ecclesiastes 4:12).
 - Physical separation creates **spiritual vulnerability** (1 Peter 5:8).

C. Emotional Drift

- Phone calls ? shared life (Proverbs 27:19).
- Science confirms:
 - Oxytocin (bonding hormone) requires physical presence.

2. Biblical Models of Relational Integrity

A. Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 12-13)

- Faced famine, danger, and uncertainty-together.
- Lesson: Crisis should drive couples closer, not apart.

B. Elimelech and Naomi (Ruth 1)

- Though their move to Moab brought tragedy, they stayed united.
- Warning: "Greener pastures" often prove mirages when pursued alone.

C. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus (Matthew 2:13-14)

- Fled to Egypt as **a unit** despite the urgency.
- Principle: Family protection requires proximity.

3. Practical Safeguards for Modern Couples

A. The Six-Month Rule

- If separation is unavoidable:
 - Reunite within 6 months (devotional's wisdom).
 - Use technology **strategically** (video calls, shared devotionals).

B. Relocation Guidelines

- 1. Make it a Joint Decision (Amos 3:3).
- 2. Move Together unless absolutely impossible.
- 3. Reject "Greener Pastures" Mentality—no career advancement justifies marital fracture.

C. Intentional Bonding Practices

- Daily:
 - Eat at least one meal together.
 - Pray aloud holding hands.
- Monthly:
 - "No screens" date night.
- Annually:
 - Spiritual retreat (even at home).

4. The Blessing of Obedience (Psalm 133)

A. Unity Attracts Anointing

• "There the LORD commanded the blessing" (v.3).

• Marital Application:

- Financial provision
- Divine protection
- Generational impact

B. Satan's Strategy Against Unity

- Divide and conquer (Mark 3:25).
- Counterattack:
 - Regular communion (Acts 2:42).
 - Mutual accountability.

Prayer for Marital Steadfastness

"Father, make us relentless protectors of our union. Where we've allowed distance—emotional or physical—reconcile us urgently. Help us reject every 'good' thing that would compromise our oneness. Pour out the oil of unity upon our marriage as we obey Your design, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Conclusion: No Justification for Division

- 1. Career? God promotes those He can trust with priorities (Psalm 75:6-7).
- 2. Finances? His blessing makes rich without sorrow (Proverbs 10:22).
- 3. Education? Wisdom begins with fearing Him—not degrees (Proverbs 9:10).

Final Charge:

- **Spouses:** Cancel any separation exceeding God's grace period.
- Engaged: Let this wisdom shape your future decisions.
- Parents: Model covenant faithfulness to your children.
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