

## **OPEN HEAVEN 26 APRIL 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

## **TOPIC: TESTIMONIES ABOVE AND BEYOND**

#### **MEMORISE**

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

Ephesians 3:20

READ: 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 26 APRIL 2025 TODAY MESSAGE**

It is very good to share testimonies about God's goodness to you as it will boost the faith of others and

position you to receive more from Him. There are, however, some testimonies that people will either find hard to believe or conclude that God is partial. Several years ago, one of my spiritual sons visited me and began to share testimonies about God's blessings over him, his family, and his ministry.

At a point, he stopped and said, "Daddy, I'm the only one talking; you haven't said anything about what God is doing for you." I said, "Son, if I tell you all that God is doing for me, you will say that God is partial." I pray, in the name of Jesus, that God will give you testimonies that will make people say, "Are you the only one serving God?"

To receive above-and-beyond testimonies, you must be willing to serve God above and beyond the ordinary. You must also be willing to pray and fast often. In 2 Corinthians 11:27, Paul said, "..in fastings often..." In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, he advised, "Pray without ceasing." No wonder the Bible says that God performed special miracles through Paul (Acts 19:11-12).

God used him for extraordinary miracles because he gave himself to serving God extraordinarily. When you sow your service to God sparingly, you will reap containable miracles (2 Corinthians 9:6). However, when you give yourself to God's will and work bountifully, you will receive testimonies that exceed what you can ask or imagine.

A lady kept trusting God for a husband until she passed childbearing age. During one of our services, I asked everybody to ask God for something. She told God, "I have waited on you for a long time for a husband, but I haven't gotten one; however, it doesn't matter because I will serve you all the days of my life." A few days later, a young man proposed to her. She looked at him and said, "Are you sure? You better go and pray again." The man said, "I am sure; I have prayed." The lady said, "Don't you want children? I have passed childbearing age." The man said, "I lost my wife, and I already have children by her." After they got married, she got pregnant and delivered a set of twins! God saw her heart and gave her a testimony above and beyond what she could have asked for. May you receive miracles that are above and beyond your wildest imaginations, in Jesus' name.

#### **KEY POINT:**

Serving God unreservedly is the key to having testimonies that are above and beyond.

#### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

2 Kings 22-23

**HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE** 

#### OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 26 APRIL 2025 COMMENTARY

Today's devotional, anchored on **Ephesians 3:20** ("Now unto Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"

), reveals that God's blessings are not limited by human expectations but by our willingness to serve Him beyond the ordinary. Through biblical principles and real-life testimonies, we learn that miracles are proportional to our surrender.

### 1. Testimonies That Provoke Awe (Divine "Partiality")

- Daddy Adeboye's Humble Confession:
  - His spiritual son assumed God was "partial" because the testimonies were too great to share (v. 20).
  - **Principle**: "The more you serve God extraordinarily, the more He blesses you extraordinarily" (Luke 6:38).
- Biblical Parallel:
  - Paul's "Special Miracles" (Acts 19:11-12) came because he served "in fastings often"
    (2 Corinthians 11:27) and "prayed without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

### Application:

- Don't envy others' blessings. Emulate their dedication.
- Prayer + Fasting + Radical Obedience = Uncontainable Testimonies.

### 2. The Law of Sowing and Reaping in God's Kingdom

- 2 Corinthians 9:6: "He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly..."
  - o Ordinary Service ? Ordinary Blessings.
  - o Extraordinary Service ? Exceeding Abundance (Ephesians 3:20).
- The Lady's Miracle (Beyond Childbearing Age):
  - o She surrendered her desire for marriage, saying, "I will serve You all my life."
  - God's Response: A husband + twins (beyond biology).
  - Key: Her heart posture—total surrender—activated Ephesians 3:20.

#### Self-Examination:

- Are you serving God conditionally ("Bless me, then I'll commit")?
- Or unconditionally ("Even if You don't bless me, I'm Yours")?

## 3. How to Position Yourself for "Above-and-Beyond" Miracles

- 1. Serve Sacrificially (Romans 12:1).
  - o Like Paul, give God your time, gifts, and comforts.
- 2. Pray and Fast Consistently (Matthew 17:21).
  - Fasting breaks limitations (Isaiah 58:6).
- 3. Trust God's Timing (Habakkuk 2:3).
  - The lady waited **years**—but her surrender triggered sudden breakthrough.

### **Prophetic Prayer:**

"Father, give me a heart that serves You beyond blessings. Let my obedience position me for testimonies that silence doubters. in Jesus' name!"

### 4. God's Power Works Through Surrendered Vessels

- Ephesians 3:20 isn't just about God's ability—it's about His power working IN US.
- Example:
  - The disciples (ordinary fishermen) ? turned the world upside down (Acts 17:6).
  - Why? They were fully yielded (Acts 2:1-4).

### Modern Challenge:

• Your career, ministry, or family can become a "special miracle"—if you let God's power work through you.

### Conclusion: Dare to Believe for More

- Don't limit God with small faith (Psalm 78:41).
- Your wildest dream is God's starting point.

#### Final Declaration:

• "I refuse to settle for ordinary blessings. I am a candidate for Ephesians 3:20 miracles – because I serve an Ephesians 3:20 God!"

Key Takeaway: God's "exceeding abundance" isn't for the casual believer – it's for the radically committed. Are you all in?

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