Open Heaven 31 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 31 May 2025 devotional for today is SURRENDER ALL.

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TOPIC: SURRENDER ALL

MEMORISE

And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. Matthew 19:29

READ: 1 Kings 19:19-21

19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? 21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after

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When Elijah went to Elisha's farm and threw his mantle on him, Elisha didn't waste time before he surrendered all to answer God's call. Elisha seemed to be a rich fellow because Elijah met him plowing with twelve yokes of oxen when he passed by him. However, Elisha didn't count this as anything because he returned home, killed a yoke of oxen, gave it to his people, and followed Elijah to become his servant. Within a day, the manager of an apparently thriving agricultural business became a prophet's servant.

Elisha ministered to Elijah and was known as the one who poured water on the hands of Elijah (2 Kings 3:11). The blessings Elisha got for surrendering all in service to God are unquantifiable. He received a double portion of Elijah's anointing (2 Kings 2:9-15), became a father to kings (2 Kings 6:21), and even after his death, his dry bones raised a dead man back to life (2 Kings 13:21). When a man surrenders all to the One who made him, he will live an impactful life.

From Elisha's story, we see that lasting greatness begins with absolute surrender. Any seed that will count for anything, must first enter into the soil and die. It must surrender its beauty and strength so as to rot in the earth before new life can sprout from it. Jesus said:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. John 12:24-25

Beloved, surrender all to the One who made you, and He will guide you aright. When you surrender your life to God, you are asking Him to help you because you don't know the best way to live your life. In John 15:5, Jesus said,

"Without me, you can do nothing." Paul also knew the secret to absolute surrender, and that is why he said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Those who surrender all to Jesus will gain more in the end. However, those who keep a part of their lives, like Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-2 end up losing even more than the things they are trying to keep.

PRAYER POINT

Father, please help me to surrender all to You wholeheartedly.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Job 17-20

RCCG HYMN 7: I AM THINE O LORD.

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Memorise: Matthew 19:29 (KJV)

This verse encapsulates the divine principle that total surrender to God's call brings multiplied blessings both now and eternally.

Bible Reading: 1 Kings 19:19-21 (KJV)

Elisha's radical response to Elijah's mantle symbolizes the complete consecration required for supernatural destiny fulfillment.

Key Insights from Today's Open Heaven Devotional

1. The Anatomy of Elisha's Surrender

1. Immediate Obedience

- No hesitation when called (v.20: "he left the oxen")
- Contrasted with Luke 9:61's "let me first..." excuses

2. Total Break from Past

- Destroyed farming equipment (v.21)
- Burned bridges to former life
- 3. Humble Service
 - Became Elijah's water-pourer (2 Kings 3:11)
 - Served before reigning

2. The Divine Exchange Principle

What Elisha Surrendered What He Gained

12 yoke of oxen (wealth)Double portion anointingFamily inheritanceFather to kingsAgricultural businessResurrection power in bonesIndependent lifeEternal legacy

3. Jesus' Teaching on Surrender (John 12:24-25)

• Paradox of Kingdom Economics:

- 1. Death precedes multiplication (v.24)
- 2. Release guarantees preservation (v.25)
- 3. Service leads to greatness (Mark 10:43-44)

4. Modern Examples of Radical Surrender

1. The Author's Testimony

- Left academia for ministry
- Endured early hardships in Redemption City

2. Biblical Warnings

- Ananias/Sapphira: Partial surrender (Acts 5:1-11)
- Rich Young Ruler: Clung to wealth (Matthew 19:22)

5. The Blessings of Total Consecration

1. Supernatural Empowerment

- Elisha's double portion (2 Kings 2:9)
- 2. Eternal Perspective
 - "Hundredfold... everlasting life" (Matthew 19:29)

3. Divine Guidance

• "He will guide you aright" (Proverbs 3:6)

Life Applications

For the Hesitant:

- Action: Identify one area you're withholding from God release it today
- Prayer: "Lord, give me Elisha's courage to burn my plows"

For the Wealthy:

- Challenge: Audit your possessions what controls you?
- Promise: "Hundredfold return" (Mark 10:29-30)

For Leaders:

- Model: Share your surrender story to inspire others
- *Warning:* Partial obedience = disobedience (1 Samuel 15:22-23)

Warning vs. Promise

- Warning: "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it" (Luke 17:33)
- **Promise:** *"All things are possible through Christ"* (Philippians 4:13)

Conclusion: The Surrender Spectrum

- 1. Elisha's oxen ? Elijah's mantle (your surrender unlocks destiny)
- 2. Seeds must die ? Harvests multiply (pain precedes gain)
- 3. Temporal losses ? Eternal rewards (Matthew 6:20)

Prayer Response

"Father, I surrender all: my plans, possessions, and privileges. Give me grace to follow like Elisha, serve like Paul, and die to self like Christ. Let my total obedience release Your hundredfold blessing, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Final Charge

"Will you be remembered like Elisha who burned his plows or the rich ruler who kept his wealth?" Your greatest gain begins with your complete surrender!

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