

Open Heavens 13 April 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 13 April 2026 devotional for today is **REVERSING OPPORTUNITIES.**

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TOPIC: REVERSING OPPORTUNITIES

MEMORISE
That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.
Deuteronomy 30:3

READ: John 21:15-19
15 So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.
16 He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.
18 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.
19 This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 13 APRIL 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

It is popularly said that an opportunity lost can never be regained. However, this can only be true when God decides to be silent about such opportunities. The moment God gets involved, lost opportunities can be regained.

In the 1960s, I was a games master at a school called Okeigbo/Ifetedo Grammar School. The school received an invitation to participate in a competition in Akure, one of the state capitals in Western Nigeria, and I got talking with the host schoolâ??s games master during the competition.

Sometime later, I was admitted into the University of Lagos for my Masterâ??s degree, and I applied to the Federal Government for a scholarship. When a year passed without a response from the Federal Government, I assumed that I didnâ??t get the scholarship, and I continued paying the fees myself.

One day, while walking on the university campus, I saw the games master I had met in Akure over a year earlier. We got talking again, and he told me that he was now working with the Federal Ministry of Education.

Then I said to him, â??I applied for a scholarship with your ministry, and I did not get any response.â?• He then told me that he remembered my application because I was the only one who applied for a postgraduate scholarship in mathematics. He said it was a unanimous decision to grant me the scholarship, and that the interview would have been a formality.

To cut the story short, he said that he would see what he could do about it, and we parted ways. Two weeks later, I got a letter from the Federal Ministry of Education granting me a full scholarship that was backdated to the day I started my Masterâ??s programme. I decree that any good opportunity that you

thought had been lost forever will be restored by the Almighty God, in Jesusâ?? name.

In Matthew 26:69-75, Peter had the opportunity to stand for Christ; however, he lost it when he denied the Lord thrice. He was so heartbroken that he decided to return to fishing (John 21:3). However, Jesus stepped in and gave him another opportunity, as we see in todayâ??s Bible reading.

After the Lordâ??s intervention, the same man, who denied Jesus three times, boldly faced the rulers who killed the Lord and told them that he would not stop speaking about Him (Acts 4:8- 13).

Beloved, have you lost valuable opportunities in the past? Ask God for mercy, and He will restore you and help you regain such opportunities.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, Please give me a second chance and restore every good opportunity I have lost, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

1 Kings 10-12

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OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 13 APRIL 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Deuteronomy 30:3

â??That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.â?•
This verse reveals Godâ??s nature as a Restorer. He doesnâ??t just forgiveâ??He turns things around. He doesnâ??t just pityâ??He actively gathers what was scattered. The promise here is that even when Godâ??s people were scattered because of their own disobedience, God was willing to gather them again. If He can restore a nation scattered due to sin, He can restore any opportunity you have lost.

BIBLE READING: John 21:15-19

This is one of the most tender restoration scenes in Scripture. Peter had denied Jesus three timesâ??vehemently, with curses and swearing. He had lost the opportunity to stand with his Lord in His darkest hour. After the resurrection, Jesus finds Peter by the Sea of Tiberias, where Peter had gone back to fishing. Three times Jesus asks him, â??Lovest thou me?â?• Three times Peter affirms his love. Three times Jesus commissions him: â??Feed my sheep.â?• This threefold question mirrors Peterâ??s threefold denial, showing that Jesus was systematically restoring what Peter had lost. By the end of the

conversation, Peter is reinstated, recommissioned, and even told what kind of death would glorify God. This passage proves that **Jesus specializes in giving second chances and restoring lost opportunities.**

The God Who Restores Lost Opportunities

In todayâ??s devotional, **Pastor E.A. Adeboye** challenges a popular saying: â??An opportunity lost can never be regained.â?• He declares that this is only true if God chooses to be silent. But when God gets involved, **lost opportunities can be found, dead dreams can be revived, and what seemed gone forever can be restored.**

A Personal Testimony of Restored Opportunity

Daddy Adeboye shares a personal story that illustrates this truth beautifully. In the 1960s, while working as a games master at Okeigbo/Ifetedo Grammar School, he met another games master during a competition in Akure. They had a brief conversation and went their separate ways.

Years later, Daddy Adeboye was pursuing his Masterâ??s degree at the University of Lagos. He had applied to the Federal Government for a scholarship but received no response for over a year. Assuming he had been rejected, he continued paying his fees personally.

Then one day, walking across campus, he encountered the same games master from Akure. They talked, and Daddy Adeboye mentioned his scholarship application. The manâ??s response was astonishing: he remembered the application because Daddy Adeboye was the only postgraduate applicant in mathematics. He revealed that the scholarship had been unanimously approvedâ??the interview was meant to be a mere formality, but somehow the letter never arrived.

Two weeks after that conversation, Daddy Adeboye received a letter from the Federal Ministry of Education granting him a full scholarship, **backdated to the day he started his Masterâ??s programme.**

Think about what this means. An opportunity that seemed completely lostâ??a year had passed, no response had come, the assumption was rejectionâ??was not only restored but backdated. God didnâ??t just give him the scholarship; He made it as if it had never been lost.

Peter: The Denier Who Became a Leader

The Bible reading provides an even more dramatic example of restoration. Peter had one of the greatest privileges any human could haveâ??he walked with Jesus, learned from Him, and was part of His inner circle. But when the moment of testing came, he crumbled. Three times he denied knowing Jesus, with curses and swearing.

Think of the opportunity Peter lost. He could have stood with Jesus. He could have been a faithful witness. Instead, he became a coward and a liar. The memory of that failure haunted him. After the resurrection, when the women reported the empty tomb, Peter ran to see for himself. When Jesus appeared, Peter was there. But something was broken.

Then Jesus did something beautiful. By the Sea of Tiberias, after a night of fishing, Jesus cooked breakfast for His disciples. And then He turned to Peter. Three times He asked, â??Lovest thou me?â?• Three times Peter answered yes. Three times Jesus gave him a commission: â??Feed my lambs. Feed my sheep. Feed my sheep.â?•

The three questions matched the three denials. Jesus was systematically undoing Peterâ??s failure, giving him a new opportunity to affirm his love, and restoring his calling. And the result? The same Peter who denied Jesus before a servant girl later stood before the rulers who killed Jesus and declared boldly: â??We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heardâ?• (Acts 4:20).

Peter didnâ??t just get his opportunity backâ??he got it back multiplied. The coward became a martyr. The denier became a leader.

What This Means for You

You may be reading this today carrying the weight of lost opportunities:

- The job you should have gotten but didnâ??t
- The relationship that fell apart
- The business that failed
- The years wasted in sin
- The chance to serve God that you missed
- The testimony you lost through compromise

The enemy wants you to believe those opportunities are gone forever. He wants you to live with regret, thinking, â??If only I hadâ?¦â?• But todayâ??s message declares: **God specializes in restoration.**

How Restoration Works

From these testimonies and Scriptures, we see a pattern for how God restores lost opportunities:

1. **Acknowledge the Loss:** Daddy Adeboye mentioned his application. Peter returned to fishingâ??he knew something was broken. You must honestly face what you have lost.
2. **Ask for Mercy:** Peter didnâ??t have to askâ??Jesus came to him. But the devotional specifically says: â??Ask God for mercy.â?• Humble yourself. Admit your failure. God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
3. **Receive the New Opportunity:** When Jesus asked Peter three times, Peter had to answer. He had to participate in his restoration. When the games master appeared, Daddy Adeboye had to speak up. You must be willing to walk through the door God opens.
4. **Move Forward in Faith:** Peter didnâ??t stay by the sea fishing. He went to Jerusalem and became the leader of the early church. Daddy Adeboye didnâ??t just enjoy his scholarshipâ??he continued his journey to becoming the General Overseer of RCCG. Restoration is not just about getting back what you lostâ??itâ??s about moving into what God has for you next.

What God Can Restore

The devotional mentions several categories of lost opportunities that God can restore:

- **Career opportunities:** Like the scholarship, God can bring back jobs, promotions, and connections you thought were gone.
- **Spiritual opportunities:** Like Peterâ??s calling, God can restore your place in His service even after failure.
- **Family opportunities:** Lost years with children, broken marriagesâ??God can restore relationships.
- **Financial opportunities:** Businesses that failed, investments that crashedâ??God can bring restoration.
- **Ministry opportunities:** Doors that closed, calls that seemed revokedâ??God can reopen them.

The Backdated Blessing

One detail in Daddy Adeboyeâ??s testimony is particularly powerful: the scholarship was backdated. God didnâ??t just give him the money from that point forwardâ??He covered the past. The months when he had been paying his own fees were reimbursed. The loss was fully compensated.

This is what God does. He doesnâ??t just give you a new beginningâ??He redeems the past. He makes up for the years the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25). He restores not just the opportunity but the benefits of the opportunity as if it had never been lost.

Conclusion: Your Restoration Is Coming

If you have lost valuable opportunitiesâ??whether through your own fault, through circumstances beyond your control, or through the enemyâ??s schemesâ??todayâ??s message is for you. The God who restored Daddy Adeboyeâ??s scholarship and Peterâ??s calling is your God.

He is the Restorer of lost opportunities. He is the Giver of second chances. He is the One who backdates blessings to cover your past losses.

Ask for mercy today. Look for His intervention. And when He opens the door, walk through it. Your restoration is coming.

Pray this:
â??Father, I come to You today carrying the weight of lost opportunities. I ask for Your mercy. Forgive me for every failure that cost me something precious. Restore to me the years the locusts have eaten. Bring back every good opportunity that seemed gone forever. Open doors that no man can shut. And when You restore, Lord, let it be backdatedâ??let me not miss what I have lost. In Jesusâ?? name, Amen.â?•

Action Steps:

- **Make a list:** Write down specific opportunities you feel you have lostâ??jobs, relationships, spiritual callings, financial breakthroughs.
- **Ask for mercy:** Spend time in prayer confessing any role you played in losing those opportunities. Receive Godâ??s forgiveness.
- **Stay alert:** Like Daddy Adeboye walking across campus, you never know when God will bring the right person across your path. Be ready to speak up.

- **Donâ??t stay in the past:** After restoration, move forward. Donâ??t let regret keep you from embracing what God has for you now.
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