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OPEN HEAVEN 23 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: ACHIEVING DREAMS

MEMORISE:

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

READ: 2 Chronicles 15:7-9

7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which hehad taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord, that was before the porch of theLord. 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim andManasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that theLord his God was with him.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 23 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

On the same day I graduated from the University of Ife in 1967, the then Ooni of Ife, the traditional ruler of the city, was given an honorary doctorate degree. It was a very glorious occasion, and that day, I told my closest friend, "One day, I too will get an honorary doctorate degree from this university." He looked at me, laughed, and said, "If it's possible to earn it by studying, I would agree with you because you're intelligent, but you're not qualified to be honoured. Honorary doctorate degrees are not given to every Tom, Dick, and Harry."

What he said appeared to be true at the time because I didn't look like someone who could be given an honorary doctorate degree. My friend and I were so ordinary that we celebrated our graduation by eating amala and ponmo, a meal made from yam flour and dry cowhide, at a motorpark. Years passed, and one day, I got a letter from the university that the council had decided to award me an honorary doctorate degree.

There is no height you cannot reach if you remain close to God and work hard towards your goals. In Genesis 37:5-10, Joseph dreamt of himself as a great ruler. At that time, even his father didn't consider him mature enough to work with his brothers to shepherd the family's flock (Genesis 37:12-13).

Later on in life, he found himself as a slave, and he worked hard in that role while ensuring that he did not offend God (Genesis 39:9). Before long, he went from being a prisoner to becoming the Prime Minister of a country considered the world superpower at the time.

In 1 Samuel, when Samuel went to anoint a king among the sons of Jesse, David was not even presented among his brothers initially.

However, by 2 Samuel, he was already sitting on the throne as Israel's king. Even when his life was threatened by Saul, he did not give up or lose his focus. Some people turn every little challenge into an excuse for not being able to achieve their goals. Excuses are for failures; highflyers will use their challenges as fuel to reach their goals.

Beloved, people who fulfil their purposes and dreams are single-minded in their pursuits.

They refuse to be distracted by anything until they achieve the things they have conceived in their minds. Focus on your goals, work hard, and don't give up. Trust in God, and He will help you to achieve your dreams

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please help me to remain focused and connected to You as I work towards achieving the dreams You have put in my heart, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 104-106

HYMN 58: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING ELSE

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 23 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY

The Power of Vision and Persistence

From Ordinary to Extraordinary

The devotional begins with Pastor Adeboye's personal testimony of how he envisioned receiving an honorary doctorate degree despite his humble circumstances. This mirrors biblical examples where:

- **Joseph** dreamed of greatness while still a shepherd boy (Genesis 37:5-10)
- David was anointed king while tending sheep (1 Samuel 16:11-13)
- Nehemiah envisioned rebuilding Jerusalem's walls while in exile (Nehemiah 2:5)

These stories teach us that divine vision often comes before divine provision.

Characteristics of Visionaries

1. They See Beyond Current Limitations

- Adeboye saw past his "amala and ponmo" celebration
- Abraham saw descendants as stars while childless (Genesis 15:5)

2. They Face Skepticism With Faith

- Like Noah building the ark (Hebrews 11:7)
- Like Caleb claiming mountain territory (Joshua 14:12)

3. They Maintain Focus Through Seasons

- o Joseph remained faithful in Potiphar's house and prison
- David served faithfully while fleeing from Saul

The Process of Fulfilling Destiny

Divine Preparation Stages

- 1. The Conceiving Stage (Vision Birth)
 - God plants the dream (Jeremiah 1:5)
 - Often seems impossible (Luke 1:37)
- 2. The Cultivating Stage (Character Development)
 - Moses in Midian wilderness (Exodus 3:1)
 - Paul in Arabian desert (Galatians 1:17-18)
- 3. The Confirmation Stage (Divine Validation)
 - Samuel anointing David (1 Samuel 16:13)
 - University's letter to Pastor Adeboye

Overcoming Obstacles to Destiny

- 1. External Opposition
 - Joseph's brothers (Genesis 37:18-20)
 - Nehemiah's enemies (Nehemiah 4:1-3)
- 2. Internal Discouragement
 - Elijah under the broom tree (1 Kings 19:4)
 - Overcoming through God's strength (Isaiah 40:31)
- 3. Temporal Setbacks
 - Job's losses (Job 1:13-19)
 - Paul's thorn (2 Corinthians 12:7-9)

Practical Steps to Achieving Your Goals

Spiritual Foundations

- 1. Maintain Close Walk With God
 - "Abide in me" (John 15:4)
 - Daily prayer and Word study
- 2. Develop Resilient Faith
 - "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26)
 - Combine prayer with action
- 3. Cultivate Divine Wisdom
 - "Get wisdom" (Proverbs 4:7)
 - Learn from mentors and mistakes

Practical Disciplines

- 1. Set Clear Goals
 - Write the vision (Habakkuk 2:2)

Break into achievable steps

2. Work Diligently

- o "Whatever your hand finds to do" (Ecclesiastes 9:10)
- o Excellence in small things leads to greater

3. Persist Through Challenges

- "We faint not" (2 Corinthians 4:16)
- View obstacles as stepping stones

The Reward of Faithfulness

Biblical Promises of Fulfillment

1. Divine Acceleration

- "Suddenly" promises (Isaiah 48:3)
- Joseph's prison-to-palace transition

2. Exceeding Expectations

- "Abundantly above" (Ephesians 3:20)
- Solomon's wisdom and riches

3. Legacy Impact

- "Generational blessing" (Psalm 112:2)
- Abraham's spiritual inheritance

Prayer for Destiny Fulfillment

"Heavenly Father, ignite in me divine vision for my destiny. Grant me Joseph's perseverance, David's courage, and Nehemiah's focus. Help me to see beyond current limitations and walk faithfully through every preparation season. Silence every voice of doubt and strengthen me to overcome all obstacles. Let my life fulfill Your glorious purpose, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen."

Conclusion: Your Time is Coming

- 1. Hold Onto Your Vision
 - Don't let go of God-given dreams
- 2. Honor the Process
 - Every season has purpose
- 3. Expect Divine Surprises
 - God specializes in suddenlies
- 4. Prepare for Promotion
 - Stay ready for when opportunity comes

Key Takeaways:

- Divine vision often precedes divine provision
- Faithfulness in small things leads to greater responsibility
- Obstacles are often stepping stones to destiny
- God rewards diligent pursuit of purpose
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