



Open Heavens 14 March 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

Today's Open Heavens devotional, 14 March 2026, is **LET HIM HAVE IT ALL**

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TOPIC: LET HIM HAVE IT ALL

MEMORISE

O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
Jeremiah 10:23

READ: John 6:5-13

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,

9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.

12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.

13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 14 MARCH 2026 MESSAGE TODAY

Today's Bible reading tells us about a boy who gave his lunch to Jesus. He must have been planning to eat it, but when he learnt that Jesus had a need for it, he surrendered it willingly. At the end of the day, 12 baskets of food remained.

I once asked my children about their thoughts concerning what might have happened to the 12 baskets, and one of them said that since there were 12 apostles, each apostle must have taken a basket.

I believe, however, that the 12 baskets were carried to the boy's house. The Bible tells us that everything returns to its source – this is why all waters return to the sea (Ecclesiastes 1:7).

It is the one who sows who will reap. Because the boy chose to trust God with what he had, God revealed Himself as the More-Than-Sufficient One. When you commit your ways to the Lord and surrender all you have to Him, He will reveal Himself to you in ways that are beyond your wildest imagination.

In 1 Kings 17:8-16, the widow of Zarephath had only one meal left for her and her son to eat. She surrendered it to Elijah, and she never lacked throughout the famine. Likewise, the Bible says that God performed special miracles through Apostle Paul (Acts 19:11). He surrendered everything God gave him back to the Lord, and God honoured his absolute surrender by making him one of the greatest apostles (2 Corinthians 12:11-12).

I want to encourage you not to struggle with God over your life. Surrender to Him completely, and I assure you that your testimony will be that it is a good thing to trust in the Lord.

Surrendering to God begins with giving your heart to Him completely. God will either be Lord of all, or He will not be Lord at all. He always comes to take charge and take over, and those who are willing to let Him be God experience His full support, protection, and help. They also enjoy unprecedented and wholesome victories in their lives.

Beloved, let God have it all. Today's memory verse tells us that it is not in man to direct his steps. Since you are limited, why not hand everything over to the Unlimited God who can bring out the best from your life? He is faithful and able to keep everything that is committed into His care.

KEY POINT

Father I give you the full liberty to take charge of my life and affairs, in Jesus' name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Judges 4-5

Open Heavens Hymn: All to Jesus I Surrender

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MEMORISE: Jeremiah 10:23

“O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”

This verse is a profound confession of human limitation. The prophet acknowledges a fundamental truth: humanity, in its fallen and finite state, lacks the internal capacity for self-direction. We do not possess the blueprint for our own lives. This acknowledgment is not pessimism but the essential precondition for surrender—recognizing that the creature was never designed to function independently of the Creator.

BIBLE READING: John 6:5-13

This passage is a masterclass in absolute surrender and its multiplied return:

v. 5-6: Jesus poses a test to Philip, knowing what he would do. The need is overwhelming (feeding 5,000+); human resources are laughably inadequate (200 denarii would not suffice).

v. 8-9: Andrew brings the boy forward—a child with five barley loaves and two small fishes. The offering is humble, even dismissible. It was a child’s lunch, not a caterer’s provision.

v. 11: Jesus takes the surrendered loaves, gives thanks, and distributes. The multiplication occurs in His hands, not in the boy’s basket.

v. 12-13: The result: twelve baskets of fragments remain. The surrendered lunch did not just feed a multitude; it returned to the giver in overwhelming abundance.

The Law of Surrender: Letting Go to Receive More

Pastor E.A. Adeboye presents a counter-intuitive kingdom principle: **absolute surrender is the pathway to absolute abundance**. Using the boy’s lunch, the widow’s flour, and Paul’s life as case studies, he demonstrates that God is not a debtor. Whatever is genuinely committed into His hands is multiplied, glorified, and returned—often in a measure that exceeds the original surrender.

1. The Principle of Return to Source

Ecclesiastes 1:7 as Kingdom Economics:

- “All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.” This natural law reflects a spiritual reality: **what proceeds from God must ultimately return to Him, and what is returned to Him is released back in increased measure.**
- The boy’s lunch came from God’s creative provision. When it was returned to Jesus (the Source), it was multiplied and returned to the boy. The twelve baskets suggest that each disciple received a basket, but the original owner—the sower—received the harvest.

The Sower Reaps:

- This is the unbroken law of sowing and reaping (2 Corinthians 9:6). The boy did not sow his lunch into a field; he sowed it into the hands of Jesus. The harvest was not 30, 60, or 100-fold, but a return so abundant it required twelve baskets to contain it.

2. The Anatomy of Absolute Surrender

The Boy’s Surrender: Surrender of Substance:

- **What he surrendered:** His only meal. His present provision. His immediate security.
- **What he received:** Twelve baskets of surplus. His name immortalized in Scripture for two millennia. Participation in the greatest feeding miracle of the Gospels.
- **The Principle:** No gift given to Jesus is ever wasted or diminished. It is always upgraded and multiplied.

The Widow’s Surrender: Surrender of Existence:

- **What she surrendered:** Her last meal, her last hope, her life and her son’s life (1 Kings 17:12). She had “nothing baked” and only a handful of flour and a little oil.
- **What she received:** A barrel of flour that did not waste and a cruse of oil that did not fail throughout the famine. Her obedience preserved her household and the prophet of God.
- **The Principle:** When you surrender your “last,” you position yourself for supernatural, sustained supply.

Paul’s Surrender: Surrender of Identity and Ambition:

- **What he surrendered:** His pedigree, his religious credentials, his future as a rising star in Judaism (Philippians 3:4-8). He counted it all “dung” to gain Christ.
- **What he received:** Apostleship to the Gentiles, revelation of mysteries, “special miracles” (Acts 19:11), a crown of righteousness laid up for him (2 Timothy 4:8).
- **The Principle:** Absolute surrender of identity leads to absolute assignment and eternal reward.

3. The Non-Negotiable Terms of Surrender

God Must Be Lord of All or Not Lord at All:

- There is no partial surrender in the Kingdom. God does not accept co-ownership of a human life. He will either be the Master or He will be nothing. This is not divine tyranny but divine consistency.

A divided heart cannot produce an undivided life.

- **The Test:** Is there any area of your life—finances, relationships, career, future, secret thoughts—that you have reserved from His lordship? That reservation is a declaration of independence.

Surrender Begins with the Heart:

- The external act of giving (the lunch, the flour, the credentials) is merely the evidence of an internal transaction. God is not primarily interested in your resources; He is interested in you. The boy's lunch was acceptable because his heart was already surrendered.

4. The Testimony of Daddy Adeboye (Implied in the Text)

“I have never regretted surrendering my all to God.”

- While not explicit in this passage, the weight of Pastor Adeboye's ministry and the global expansion of RCCG stand as a living testimony to the law of surrender. A mathematics lecturer surrendered his academic career, his plans, and his future to God. The return has been multiplied souls, multiplied nations, multiplied generations.

How to Practice Absolute Surrender

Conduct a Lordship Audit:

- Sit with the Holy Spirit and a journal. Draw a circle representing your life. Divide it into compartments: family, finances, career, ministry, future, secret life. Deliberately, one by one, hand each compartment to Jesus. Say: “Lord, this area is no longer mine. It is Yours. Do with it as You please.”

Give Your “Lunch” to Jesus Daily:

- Your “lunch” may be your time, your talent, your treasure, or your testimony. Each day, consciously place something in His hands—an act of service, a sacrificial gift, a word of witness. This daily discipline reinforces the posture of surrender.

Stop Struggling with God:

- Jacob wrestled all night and emerged with a limp and a new name. The limp was the memorial of his surrender. Are you wrestling with God over a relationship, a dream, or a hurt? Cease striving. Let Him have it. Your blessing is on the other side of your “I give up.”

Trust the Keeper of Your Deposit:

- 2 Timothy 1:12: **“I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”** God is not a negligent guardian. Whatever you entrust to Him—your reputation, your children, your future, your salvation—He is both willing and able to preserve.

Warning: The Deception of "My" Resources The Illusion of Ownership:

- The boy did not truly own the lunch; it was on loan from God. The widow did not own the flour; it was provision from Jehovah-Jireh. Paul did not own his credentials; they were gifts of grace and birth. We are stewards, not owners. Surrender is not giving God something He needs; it is returning to Him what already belongs to Him.

The Tragedy of Withheld Surrender:

- The rich young ruler came to Jesus eager for eternal life but went away sorrowful because he had "great possessions." His wealth possessed him more than he possessed it. He wanted salvation on his own terms—eternal life plus his possessions. He left with neither.

Conclusion: The Unfailing Return

Pray this:

"Lord Jesus, I acknowledge that the way of man is not in himself. I confess that I have struggled to direct my own steps, and I have made a mess of the areas I have withheld from You. Today, I cease striving. I surrender everything I have and everything I am to You. I give You my [name specific areas: finances, career, family, future, secret struggles]. I place my "lunch" in Your hands. I return to You what has always been Yours. I trust You to multiply it, to bless others through it, and to return it to me in Your perfect timing and measure. I receive Your lordship over every area of my life. Thank You that You are faithful to keep that which I have committed unto You. In Jesus' mighty name, Amen."

Action Steps:

1. **The Physical Surrender:** Write down the one thing God has been asking you to surrender that you have been withholding. Place it in an envelope. Pray over it, then physically give it away, destroy it, or place it in your Bible as a covenant sign.
2. **The Weekly "Lunch":** Identify one resource you will deliberately surrender to God's service each week (a specific financial offering, a block of time for ministry, a talent used for His glory). Do this consistently for 30 days and journal the results.
3. **The Lordship Declaration:** Write Jeremiah 10:23 on a card. Place it where you will see it daily. Each time you read it, verbally surrender the coming hours to God's direction, not your own.

Remember: The boy did not know, when he released his five loaves and two fishes into the hands of a Galilean carpenter, that he was funding the greatest catering miracle in biblical history. You do not know what God will do with your surrendered "lunch." But you can know this: He will do something. And it will be more than you could ask or think.

"He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32). If He gave you everything when you gave Him nothing, what will He not give you now that you have given Him your all?

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