



Open Heaven 27 December 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 27 December 2025 devotional for today is **LET GOD MAKE YOU II.**

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TOPIC: LET GOD MAKE YOU II

MEMORISE:

And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.
Matthew 4:19

READ: Isaiah 51:1-2:

1 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.
2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 27 DECEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Yesterday, I discussed the story of the prodigal son and how he returned home to his father when he realised he could not make himself.

Today, I will examine the lives of Jesus's disciples and how He made all of them, except Judas Iscariot.

When Jesus called His disciples in today's memory verse, He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."• For example, by the time He was done with Peter, Peter became so famous and influential that today, over 2,000 years later, we are still talking about him. Those who allowed God to make them in the Scriptures have remained relevant up until now.

When God makes a fellow, He adorns the fellow with beauty and glory and gives him or her a purpose for living. Jesus told His disciples that by following Him, they would become fishers of men. He fulfilled this promise, and they all became great fishers of men (Acts 2:41, Acts 4:4), and He kept them all until the end, except the son of perdition (John 17:12). All these happened because they followed Jesus.

God cannot make you when you are not following Him consistently. Just because you followed Him yesterday doesn't mean that you can live life by yourself today. Following Him is a daily decision. A famous songwriter once wrote, "I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back."•

When you truly follow Jesus, it will be evident in your words, actions, and lifestyle. After the disciples had followed Jesus for some time, the religious leaders observed them and noted that they had truly been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). If you truly follow Jesus, it will be evident for people to see.

When you leave raw meat on fire to cook, for example, no matter how tough it is, it will eventually become soft. Sadly, many believers attend church services and other Christian programmes frequently; however, there is no tangible change in their behaviour and attitude.

Beloved, it is time to follow Jesus wholeheartedly and allow Him to make you if you haven't done so yet. It is time to let go of all forms of worldliness in your life; lay them aside, and follow Jesus.

Jesus makes only those who follow Him. He purifies and prunes only the branches that abide in Him (John 15:2). Don't waste your life chasing meaningless things; follow Jesus and let Him make you who He has destined you to become.

PRAYER POINT

Lord Jesus, help me to follow You wholeheartedly without looking back, and please make me who You are

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Revelation 8-11

HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

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COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Matthew 4:19

“And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

This call is both an invitation and a contract. “Follow me” is the continuous action of discipleship—a daily choice of submission, observation, and obedience. “I will make you” is the promise of transformative process by the Master Craftsman. The goal is not personal enrichment but purposeful redirection: from catchers of fish to gatherers of souls for the kingdom.

BIBLE READING: Isaiah 51:1-2

This passage roots the call in the faithfulness of God to His covenant process:

v.1: *“Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn”* The call is to remember your origin in God’s faithful work.

v.2: *“Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.”* Abraham is the prototype of one who followed God’s call (Genesis 12:1) and was made into a father of nations and faith. God’s making always leads to increase and blessing for His purpose.

The Continuous Choice That Activates the Making

Building on yesterday’s theme of God’s making, Pastor E.A. Adeboye now focuses on the human responsibility that activates the divine process: **consistent, wholehearted following**. The devotional contrasts the enduring legacy of the true disciples with the tragic end of the one who stopped following, and challenges believers to evidence a transformed life.

1. The Prototype of the “Made” Man: Peter

From Fisherman to Foundation:

Peter, a rough, impulsive fisherman, was utterly transformed by the process of following Jesus. He became the pillar of the early church, a powerful preacher at Pentecost (Acts 2), and his influence echoes *“over 2,000 years later.”* His story proves that God’s making results in eternal relevance.

The Promise Fulfilled (Acts 2:41, 4:4):

The proof that Jesus kept His promise (*“I will make you fishers of men”*) is seen in the harvest of souls at Pentecost (3,000) and afterwards (5,000 men). Their lives became nets for God’s kingdom.

2. The Non-Negotiable Condition: Follow Me

Following is a Daily Decision:

“Just because you followed Him yesterday doesn’t mean that you can live life by yourself today.” Discipleship is not a one-time altar call but a daily, moment-by-moment choice to renounce self-direction and walk in His steps. The hymn’s resolve *“no turning back”* captures the required permanence of this decision.

Following is Evident:

True discipleship is observable. The Pharisees *“took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus”* (Acts 4:13). Their speech, courage, and power bore the unmistakable mark of Christ’s influence. A life consistently following Jesus will inevitably show in purifying speech, loving actions, and a distinct, holy lifestyle.

3. The Cooking Pot Analogy: Evidence of Transformation

The Guarantee of the Fire:

Raw meat in a fire *will* become tender. The constant heat guarantees change. Similarly, a life consistently exposed to the fire of God’s Word, His presence, and His Spirit *must* soften—becoming more loving, patient, and Christlike.

The Tragedy of the Unchanged:

Many are *in* the fire (attending church, programmes) but remain tough, unchanged in *“behaviour and attitude.”* This indicates a fatal disconnect: they are near the heat but not in the pot. They are hearers, not followers. Attendance without transformation is spiritual waste.

4. The Exception That Proves the Rule: Judas Iscariot

The Son of Perdition:

Judas is the stark warning. He followed physically for a time but never surrendered his heart. He held onto worldliness (the love of money, John 12:6) and a secret agenda. Jesus kept all whom the Father gave Him *“but the son of perdition”* (John 17:12). Judas stopped truly following in his heart long before he left with the betrayer’s kiss. His life proves that proximity to Jesus without personal submission leads to destruction.

5. The Process of the Maker: Purity Through Abiding

The Vinedresser’s Work (John 15:2):

God the Father, as the gardener, *“purges”* (cleanses) and *“prunes”* the branches that are connected to the Vine (Christ). This painful but purposeful cutting away is only done to those who *“abide in Him.”* If you are not following/abiding, you are not in a position to be made. You are outside the process.

How to Move From Attendance to Authentic Following

1. Audit Your “Following”:

Ask: Is my life today consciously submitted to Christ’s lordship? Are my decisions, finances, and relationships guided by *“Follow me”*? Or am I just occasionally checking in?

2. Pursue Evident Change:

Invite trusted believers to speak into your life. Ask, “Can you see tangible growth in Christlikeness in me over the past year?” Be willing to confront areas of persistent worldliness.

3. Embrace the Pruning:

When God convicts you of sin or calls you to surrender something, recognize it as the Vinedresser’s loving cut. Do not resist; this is part of the “making.”

4. Define Your “Fishing”:

Ask God to make you a fisher of men in your specific context. Look for daily opportunities to cast the net of kindness, testimony, or prayer to draw others toward Christ.

Warning: The Peril of Cultural Christianity

A life of church activity without heart transformation is the path of Judas. It leads to being labeled “son of perdition”—a child of destruction. You can be in the band, teach Sunday school, and still be lost if you are not personally, daily following Jesus with a surrendered heart.

Conclusion: The Invitation to a Made Life

Pray this:

“Lord Jesus, I hear Your call anew: Follow Me. I choose today to follow You wholeheartedly, with no turning back. I lay aside every weight and sin that hinders. I surrender to Your making process. Purge me, prune me, and transform me until my life bears undeniable evidence that I have been with You. Make me a true fisher of men, for the glory of Your name. Amen.”

Action Steps:

- **The Daily Pledge:** Each morning this week, begin your prayer with: “Lord Jesus, I choose to follow You today. Guide my steps, my words, and my decisions.”
- **Study a Disciple’s Journey:** Trace the transformation of one disciple (e.g., John from “Son of Thunder” to “Apostle of Love”). Note the key moments where following Jesus changed him.
- **Identify One “Worldly” Thing to Lay Aside:** Be specific (e.g., a toxic entertainment habit, a grudge, a dishonest practice). This week, in obedience, lay it aside as an act of following.

Remember: God is not making museum pieces; He is making active, world-changing fishers of men. Your relevance for eternity is secured not by what you know, but by who you follow and who you become in His hands.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10). You are His project. Follow closely, and let the Master finish His work.

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