



Open Heaven 18 November 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 18 November 2025 devotional for today is **GOD VALUES YOUR INPUT.**

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TOPIC: GOD VALUES YOUR INPUT

MEMORISE:

And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.

Genesis 2:19

READ: Genesis 18:16-33:

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way.

17 And the Lord said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.

20 And the Lord said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very

grievous;

21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the Lord.

23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked?

24 Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein?

25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

26 And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes.

27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which am but dust and ashes:

28 Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy it.

29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for forty's sake.

30 And he said unto him, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do it, if I find thirty there.

31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake.

32 And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake.

33 And the Lord went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

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I have noticed in my walk with God that even though He is Almighty and Omnipotent, He always wants to do things in partnership with His children. Many times, when He wants to do something, He will ask His children to handle a part of it while He does the rest.

In today's memory verse, He took the animals He had made to Adam for him to name them, and whatever Adam called them became their names.

In John 6:5-7, Jesus already knew what He would do, but He still asked the disciples how they could feed over 5,000 people.

Eventually, He used the lunch of a little boy that one of His disciples brought to Him to feed the crowd. As mighty as God is, He loves to have His children's input in whatever He wants to do.

Unfortunately, however, not many of them are intimate enough with God for Him to ask for their input.

In Ezekiel 37:1-10, God took a man to a valley full of dry bones and asked him if the bones could live. When a Christian begins to take his or her relationship with God more seriously, the fellow will not only hear from God but he or she will also start having intimate discussions with Him.

Anybody can hear from God, but only a few discuss with Him, and very few become intimate with Him enough for God to ask them, “My son, what do you think we should do in this situation?”

In today’s Bible reading, we see that Abraham was so intimate with God that God could not hide His intention to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah from him.

If you want God to regularly ask for your input in the things that He wants to do, you must be very intimate with Him. You must become so close to Him that He will say, “I cannot hide what I am about to do from My friend.”

It is not enough to only attend church regularly; there is much more to God than you can get by just spending two or three hours in a church service.

To be intimate with God, you need to spend time with Him in prayers and read His word daily. When you spend time with Him daily, not only will you get to know more of Him, but He will also request your input on some of the matters that are dearest to Him.

REFLECTION

Can God seek your input in whatever He wants to do?

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Acts 16-17

HYMN 27: WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 18 NOVEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Genesis 2:19 (KJV)

“And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof.”

This verse reveals a profound aspect of God’s nature: the Creator of the universe, who had the power and right to assign names, deliberately involved His human creation in the process. The phrase

- to see what he would call them
- demonstrates God's desire for humanity's creative input and partnership from the very beginning.

BIBLE READING: Genesis 18:16-33

This passage is the ultimate biblical example of intimate divine dialogue:

- **v. 17-19:** God deliberates aloud, questioning whether to hide His plans from Abraham, whom He calls a "friend." This reveals the level of intimacy required for such a conversation.
- **v. 20-21:** God states His intention to judge Sodom and Gomorrah.
- **v. 22-33:** Abraham engages in a respectful yet bold negotiation, appealing to God's justice. This is not a one-way proclamation but a two-way discussion where Abraham's input actively shapes the unfolding events.

The Privilege of Partnership: When God Asks for Your Opinion

Pastor E.A. Adeboye unveils a breathtaking dimension of a relationship with God that goes beyond servant-hood to friendship and co-laborship. He teaches that the Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, chooses to involve His children in His work, not out of need, but out of desire for intimate partnership.

1. The Pattern of Divine Collaboration

Godâ??s Initiative, Manâ??s Participation:

Across Scripture, a consistent pattern emerges: God sovereignly initiates a work, but He invites human partnership to complete it. He provides the vision and the power, but He often waits for human faith, obedience, or creativity to activate the process.

Biblical Case Studies of Partnership:

- **Adam (Genesis 2:19):** God created the animals, but Adam named them, exercising God-given authority and creativity.
- **The Disciples (John 6:5-13):** Jesus had the power to create food from nothing, yet He involved the disciples in the distribution and used a boy's loaves, making them active participants in the miracle.
- **Ezekiel (Ezekiel 37:3-10):** God asked Ezekiel for his faith perspective ("Can these bones live?") and then commanded him to prophesy, using the prophet's voice as the conduit for the miracle.

2. The Hierarchy of Divine Communication

Daddy Adeboye outlines a progression in our relationship with God, moving from passive reception to active collaboration:

Level of Relationship	Nature of Communication	Scriptural Example
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The Servant	Hears commands and obeys. One-way communication.	A new believer learning to follow basic instructions.
The Disciple	Hears and discusses. Seeks to understand the “why” behind the command.	The disciples asking Jesus to explain His parables (Matthew 13:36).
The Intimate Friend	God shares His heart and asks for their input. Two-way, collaborative dialogue.	Abraham in Genesis 18; God calling Moses “friend” (Exodus 33:11).

3. The Pathway to Becoming God’s Counsel

The Requirement: Intimacy Through Consistent Time:

This level of friendship is not achieved by merely attending church services. It is forged in the secret place through daily, dedicated time in prayer and in the Word. It is in these quiet moments that we move from knowing *about* God to truly *knowing* Him.

The Result: God Shares His Secrets:

The ultimate sign of this intimacy is God sharing His confidential plans. As with Abraham, God says, “*Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?*” (Genesis 18:17). He entrusts His heart and His strategies to those who have proven themselves to be faithful friends.

How to Cultivate a Collaborative Friendship with God

1. Elevate Your Prayer Life from Monologue to Dialogue:

Dedicate portions of your prayer time to silent listening. After making your requests, ask, “Father, what is on Your heart today?” or “What do You think about this situation?”

2. Study Scripture Relationally, Not Just Academically:

As you read the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal God’s character and heart behind the commands and stories. Engage with the text as a conversation with its Author.

3. Offer Your Input in Faith:

When God presents a situation to you in prayer—a need, a problem, a vision—respond in faith. Offer your ideas, your “five loaves and two fish,” and be willing to be the hands and feet He uses to bring the solution to pass.

Warning: The Limitation of a Transactional Relationship

A faith that only involves asking God for things and hearing His commands for personal guidance misses the profound joy and responsibility of partnership. It keeps God at a distance, preventing the deep intimacy where He shares the burdens of His heart and invites us into His cosmic plans.

Conclusion: Stepping Into Your Role as a Co-Laborer

Pray this:

“Heavenly Father, I am in awe that You, the Almighty God, desire my friendship and input. Forgive me for keeping You at a distance. Draw me into a deeper place of intimacy with You. As I spend time in

Your presence, share the secrets of Your heart with me. Make me a trusted friend and a faithful partner in the work of Your Kingdom, in Jesus's name. •

Action Steps:

- **Schedule a Daily Appointment:** Commit to a non-negotiable, quiet time each day this week, focusing not on your request list, but on simply being with God.
- **Practice the "What Do You Think?" Prayer:** In your journal, write down a current situation. Then, write a prayer asking God for His strategy and your role in it. Wait and listen for His perspective.
- **Study the Friends of God:** Deeply study the lives of Abraham (Genesis 18), Moses (Exodus 33), and David (Psalm 25:14) to understand what made them God's confidants.

Remember: God is not looking for mere servants; He is seeking friends. He doesn't just want to command you; He wants to consult with you. Your highest calling is to become so intimate with Him that He invites you into His divine council.

"Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends" (John 15:15). This is your identity in Christ.

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