

# **OPEN HEAVEN 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

**TOPIC: JUST BELIEVE** 

## **MEMORISE:**

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Mark 11:23

#### **READ: James 1:5-7:**

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6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

# RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Today's Bible reading says that you should only ask God for things in faith. It further says that if you doubt, you should not expect to get anything from God. I know that some situations can look scary and tough, but if you want to live above those situations, you have to believe in God. In Matthew 14:28-29, Peter's faith was unwavering when he told Jesus, " bid me come unto thee on the water.

However, when he looked at the boisterous wind around him and stopped believing, he started to sink. No matter how tough things are, do not lose your faith.

When I got born again in The Redeemed Christian Church of God, I was extremely happy about my salvation, but I was very sickly. Every two weeks, I would be sick with malaria and would require medical treatment.

At that time, whenever Christians talked about healing without medication, I did not believe them. I used to say, "You have shown me the way to heaven; don't send me there too quickly."

Then, one day, I heard a testimony from an old man about how God miraculously healed him of a bent back, and immediately, my faith was aroused. I thank God that since that time, that faith has been getting stronger daily. If you want to see great miracles in your life, believe what God has said. If He has done mighty wonders before, He can do them again and again.

I once went to a Kenneth Hagin campmeeting in the United States of America and saw about

7,000 people in one convention. I had never seen anything like that before because, at that time, the entire congregation of The Redeemed Christian Church of God was less than 1,000.

However, while on the plane back to Nigeria, I told those who went with me that, one day, our pastors alone would be more than 17,000. They didn't believe me. Today, God has surpassed my expectations.

When you have faith in God, He sets you up to break records. He makes you a wonder unto many when you believe.

Science says prove it, and I will believe you. However, God says believe Me, then I will prove it. When God asks you to do something, believe Him. Don't try to add or remove from what He has said. Just believe, and He will do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think (Ephesians 3:20).

## **PRAYER POINT**

Father, please help me to believe everything Your word has said concerning me so I can experience Your glory, in Jesus' name.

#### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

**HYMN 58: MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING ELSE** 

# OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 25 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

## MEMORISE: Mark 11:23 (KJV)

"For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."

This verse establishes the absolute authority of faith-filled words that are rooted in belief. It presents faith not as a passive feeling but as a creative force that speaks to obstacles ("mountains") and expects them to obey. The critical condition is the absence of doubt in the heart.

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This passage reinforces the non-negotiable link between prayer and faith. God's generous nature is ready to give, but the conduit for receiving is unwavering faith. Doubt is depicted as instability that disrupts the connection between God's provision and our reception.

# The Anatomy of Faith and Doubt

Daddy Adeboye's message centers on the continuous battle between faith and doubt. Using the example of Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:28-31), he illustrates that faith enables the supernatural (walking on water), while doubt invites sinking. The "boisterous wind" represents the intimidating circumstances that challenge our belief. The key is to keep our focus on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), rather than on the storm.

## The Personal Testimony: From Sickness to Faith

The devotional is powerful because it is grounded in the writer's own struggle. His admission of being "very sickly" and his skepticism toward divine healing ("don't send me there too quickly") make his testimony relatable. The turning point was not a theological argument but a *testimony* from an old man. This underscores a vital principle: "Faith cometh by hearing... the word of God" (Romans 10:17).

Hearing how God worked for someone else can ignite faith for your own situation. His journey from disbelief to a faith that "has been getting stronger daily" models the process of nurturing a growing faith.

## Faith as a Catalyst for the Impossible

The testimony about the RCCG's growth is a monumental example of faith in action. The vision of having "17,000 pastors" when the entire church was under 1,000 seemed ludicrous to others. This was a "mountain" of impossibility. However, Daddy Adeboye did not just have a private thought; he *spoke* the vision (Mark 11:23). He believed what God had placed in his heart despite contradictory evidence. The result is a historical record of God doing "exceeding abundantly above all that [he] ask[ed] or thought" (Ephesians 3:20). This demonstrates that faith is the seed for future harvests of miracles and expansion.

## The Divine Order: Believe First, See Later

The devotional concludes with a brilliant contrast between the world's system and God's system:

- The World (Science): "Prove it, and I will believe you." This is sight-based, requiring evidence before belief.
- God's Kingdom: "Believe Me, then I will prove it." This is faith-based, requiring belief before evidence manifests.

This is the essence of walking with God. He calls us to trust His character and His word first. The proof follows the belief. This requires surrendering our need for control and empirical evidence and stepping out in obedient trust.

## The Warning Against Diluted Faith

The instruction, "Don't try to add or remove from what He has said," is a warning against the doubt that manifests as negotiation or compromise with God's word. True faith takes God at His word exactly as it is, without watering it down or adding human reasoning to it.

### Pray this:

"Lord Jesus, I come before You today acknowledging the areas where doubt has caused me to sink. I choose to fix my eyes on You, not on the boisterous winds around me. I ask that You would increase my faith. Help me to hear and believe Your promises without wavering. I renounce the need to see before I believe. I declare that I operate by Your kingdom principle: I believe, and then I will see Your glory. I speak to every mountain of sickness, lack, and impossibility in my life and command it to be removed and cast into the sea. I receive Your exceeding abundant answer to my prayers right now, in Jesus' name. Amen."

#### **Action Steps:**

- 1. **Identify Your Mountain:** What is the specific, seemingly immovable problem in your life? Name it
- 2. **Find a Promise:** Locate a specific Scripture that promises God's solution or provision for that area.

- 3. **Speak to the Mountain:** Daily, using the authority of Mark 11:23, speak directly to that problem and command it to move in alignment with God's promise.
- 4. **Guard Against Doubt:** When doubts or negative thoughts arise, immediately counter them by speaking your Scripture promise out loud.
- 5. **Feed Your Faith:** Intentionally listen to testimonies (sermons, books, conversations) of God's miracles to build your faith, just as the testimony of the old man did for Daddy Adeboye.

**Remember:** Faith is the currency of the kingdom. It is the hand that receives from God. Doubt is not just the absence of faith; it is an active force that blocks blessings. You have a choice every day: to look at the waves and sink, or to look at Jesus and walk on the water. Choose to believe first. Speak the word. For the God who commands mountains to move is waiting on your faith to command it.

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