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OPEN HEAVEN 13 AUGUST 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: ALWAYS REFILL III

MEMORISE:

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. Galatians 5:16

READ: Galatians 5:13-25

- 13 For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
- 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.
- 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.
- 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.
- 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

- 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
- 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,
- 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
- 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.
- 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 13 AUGUST 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

I will continue this series by discussing one more reason it Is very important to get refilled with the anointing.

Sometimes, the reason you need to get refilled is not that you are exhausted or the anointing has been depleted after a period of intense spiritual activity but that your flesh rose above your spirit for a moment. When you are angry, for instance, you may not hear God speak because your flesh has risen above your spirit.

In such a period, you can cause some harm, as Elisha did in 2 Kings 2:23-24. Therefore, if you have been well-trained by God, the anointing will likely be dormant for that season to avoid causing a problem that you will later regret.

In 2 Kings 3:11-16, some kings came to meet Elisha, and he got angry with one of them.

Afterwards, when he needed to prophesy, he had to call a minstrel to play so there could be a refilling. Before long, the man of God could say, "Thus saith the Lord" again. I have observed that whenever the flesh rises above the spirit, there will be a need to retreat into an atmosphere of worship. In that atmosphere, as the Lord descends on you, He will refill you again.

Another major route through which the flesh rises above the spirit in many ministers is in the area of overconfidence. Despite Jesus' warning that he would deny Him, Peter felt so confident in himself that instead of praying for spiritual strength to avoid that, he told Jesus that he could never do such a thing, and he eventually denied Him (Matthew 26:69-75).

Whenever you start feeling overly confident in your abilities and attributing what you have achieved to your hard work and sacrifices, the enemy is setting you up for a great fall, and you need to retreat and retrace your steps.

Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Proverbs 16:18

Beloved, whenever your flesh rises above your spirit, run to God and ask for mercy, and He will graciously restore you. After Jesus' resurrection, He went to Peter's old place of work to refill him. He prepared a meal, fed him, and recommissioned him into the ministry (John 21:1-17). When your flesh

rises above your spirit, go on a retreat and receive a fresh infilling of the anointing so that you can overcome the weaknesses of the flesh and fulfil God's purpose for your life.

OPEN HEAVEN 13 AUGUST KEY POINT

Whenever your flesh rises above your spirit, run to God for a fresh infilling of the anointing.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 31-32

HYMN 34: YIELD NOT TO TEMPTATION

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 13 AUGUST 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Galatians 5:16

"Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

This verse presents the **divine antidote to fleshly dominance**—continuous **Spirit-infused living** that overrides carnal impulses.

BIBLE READING: Galatians 5:13-25

Paul's contrast reveals:

- v.19-21: Flesh works (anger, pride, strife)
- v.22-23: Spirit fruits (love, peace, meekness)
- v.25: The solution—live and walk in the Spirit

When the Flesh Overpowers the Spirit

Daddy Adeboye's teaching exposes three dangerous moments requiring urgent refilling:

- 1. Anger's Blackout (2 Kings 3:11-16)
 - Elisha's Case:
 - Flesh took over: Angry at Jehoram (v.13)

- Anointing paused: Needed minstrel's worship to reactivate (v.15)
- Modern Parallel:
 - Pastoral rage silences God's voice
 - Solution: Worship until the Spirit resurfaces

2. Pride's Deception (Matthew 26:33-35)

- Peter's Fall:
 - o Overconfidence: "I'll never deny You!"
 - Result: Threefold denial (John 18:17-27)
- Warning Sign:
 - Taking credit for miracles ("My preaching healed them")

3. The Flesh-Spirit See-Saw

Flesh Ascendant

Spirit Ascendant

Anger controls you (Proverbs 29:11) Self-control flourishes (Galatians 5:23)

Pride in achievements (Daniel 4:30) Humility in service (John 3:30)

Ministerial burnout Sustainable anointing

How to Regain Spiritual Ascendancy

1. Immediate Damage Control

- When you fail:
 - 1. Repent quickly (1 John 1:9)
 - 2. Fast 1 meal to reset spiritually
 - 3. Listen to worship (like Elisha's minstrel)

2. Cultivate Flesh-Alarms

- Daily Check:
 - "Am I feeling irritable today?"? Extra prayer
 - o "Did I just boast?"? Psalm 75:6 confession

3. Adopt Jesus' Restoration Model (John 21:15-17)

- Peter's Refill:
 - Location: Back to fishing boats (humility ground zero)
 - o Process: Threefold love confession cancels threefold denial
 - **Result**: Pentecostal power (Acts 2:14)

Prayer for Flesh Crucifixion

*"Father, electrocute my fleshly nature! Where I've operated in anger or pride, flood me with fresh oil. Make me **allergic to self-sufficiency** and **addicted to Your presence**, until only Christ is seen in me (Galatians 2:20), in Jesus' name!"*

Action Steps

- 1. Create a "Flesh-Fast" List:
 - Identify 3 flesh triggers (e.g., criticism, success)
 - o For each: Memorize 1 Scripture weapon (e.g., James 1:20 for anger)
- 2. Implement the "3-3-3 Rule":
 - When flesh rises:
 - **3 minutes** of tongues
 - 3 verses of Psalm 51
 - 3 kneelings in surrender
- 3. Monthly Humility Exercise:
 - Serve anonymously (e.g., clean church toilets)
 - Give credit to others publicly ("Sister A prayed for this miracle")

Conclusion: Stay Spiritually Dominant

Daddy Adeboye's warning is clear: **Unchecked flesh doesn't just embarrass—it disqualifies**. But those who:

- Routinely refill
- Radically repent
- Relentlessly rely on the Spirit

...will reign like Elisha post-mistake—with double portion power!

"Your worst flesh moment can become your greatest anointing portal—if you let God refill you there."

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