

OPEN HEAVEN 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: FROM 'HOPELESS' TO 'TESTIMONY'

MEMORISE:

For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37

READ: Ezekiel 37:1-10:

- 1 The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,
- 2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.
- 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.
- 4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.
- 5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:
- 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.
- 8 And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.
- 9 Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live
- 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Several years ago, we held a Holy Ghost Service at the National Stadium in Surulere, Lagos. During the service, the Lord said that there was somebody in the congregation who had only one kidney because the other one had been removed through surgery. The Lord further said that the remaining kidney was not in good condition, so He would give the person two brand-new kidneys. If I had not recognized the voice of God, I wouldn't have dared to tell the congregation what I heard. A man in the congregation knew that the Lord was talking about him because one of his kidneys had been surgically removed, and the other one was not functioning properly.

On Saturday morning, as soon as the programme was over, he went straight to the hospital where the surgery to remove his kidney was done and asked the surgeon to examine him. The surgeon said, "I remember your case; the day we were removing your kidney, everything went wrong.

The surgery that was supposed to take less than an hour lasted eight hours." When the surgeons examined him, they found two brand-new kidneys.

When God, who is the God of hope (Romans 15:13), steps into a case, that case changes its status from 'hopeless' to 'testimony'.

God gives victory over hopelessness. For example, in Genesis 18:9-14, when He told Abraham that Sarah would have a son in nine months, Sarah laughed because she thought the situation was hopeless. However, the Almighty God, who could have said, "Because you laughed, I cancel what I

have said," did not change his mind. Instead, He said, "You can laugh as much as you like, but Isaac will be born."

Beloved, if you have considered your situation as hopeless before now, I have good news for you today. In the name that is above every other name, your Isaac will be born.

There is no hopeless case with God. Jeremiah 32:27 says, "Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?"

In Ezekiel 37:1-10 the Bible tells us that the Almighty God caused dry bones to live again. They were not just dead bodies; they were very dry bones. Yet, the Lord God caused His servant to prophesy, and the dry bones came back to life.

Beloved, the God who made dry bones to live again can take care of your situation. Men may have written you off, but with God, nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37).

KEY POINT

God specialises in turning impossible and hopeless situations around.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Ezekiel 41-43

HYMN 25: THE GREAT PHYSICIANS NOW IS NEAR

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 7 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Luke 1:37 (KJV)

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."

This verse is the absolute, non-negotiable foundation of the Christian's hope. It was spoken by the angel Gabriel to Mary to explain the virgin birth, an event that defies all natural laws. It establishes that God's ability is not limited by human logic, scientific probability, or historical precedent. What is impossible in the realm of man is merely an opportunity for demonstration in the realm of God.

BIBLE READING: Ezekiel 37:1-10 (KJV)

This passage is the ultimate biblical metaphor for hopelessness. The prophet Ezekiel is set down in a valley full of bones that were not just dead, but "very dry." This signifies a state beyond natural recovery—total, irreversible desolation by human standards. God's command to "prophesy upon these

bones" was a divine test of faith, asking Ezekiel to speak life into a situation that screamed of death. The resulting miracle—the bones coming together, being covered with sinews and flesh, and receiving breath—proves that God specializes in resurrecting things that men have given up on.

The God of the "Hopeless" Case

Daddy Adeboye opens with a powerful modern-day testimony that mirrors the Ezekiel account. The man with one failing kidney was in a medically hopeless situation. The devotional interprets this story to show that:

- God's Knowledge is Specific: God didn't just see a sick man; He knew the exact surgical history and the current failing state of the remaining organ. This reveals that no detail of our hopeless situation is hidden from Him.
- God's Power is Creative: He didn't just heal the existing kidney; He created two brand new ones ex nihilo (out of nothing), just as He did in creation. This shows that His solutions are not limited to repairing the old; He can start entirely anew.
- God's Purpose is Testimony: The man's immediate trip to the doctor was to get verification, turning a medical file into a testimony. This is God's pattern: He allows situations to become hopeless so that His intervention will be undeniable and bring Him maximum glory.

From Laughter to Legacy: The Isaac Principle

The devotional uses the story of Sarah (Genesis 18:9-14) to address a common human response to hopelessness: cynical disbelief. Sarah's laugh represented a heart that had accepted its barrenness as a permanent reality. The profound interpretation here is that **God's promise is not nullified by our disbelief.** His faithfulness is based on His character, not our confidence. The statement, "You can laugh as much as you like, but Isaac will be born," is a powerful declaration that human emotion does not veto divine decree. The "Isaac" symbolizes any God-given promise that seems delayed or impossible—a child, a healing, a breakthrough, a restoration.

The Anatomy of a Turnaround

The message provides a biblical blueprint for how God reverses hopelessness:

- 1. **Divine Revelation (Ezekiel 37:1-3):** God first reveals the situation in its full hopelessness and asks, "Can these bones live?" This question is meant to shift our focus from the problem to His Person.
- 2. **Prophetic Obedience (Ezekiel 37:4, 7, 9-10):** God's instruction is to "prophesy"—to speak His word over the dead situation. This represents praying the promises of God, declaring His will, and standing on His word even when there is no visible evidence.
- 3. **Supernatural Intervention (Ezekiel 37:10):** The breath (Hebrew *ruach*—wind, spirit, breath) comes from the four winds. This signifies a holistic, complete work of the Holy Spirit that brings life, order, and strength where there was only death and chaos.

The Invitation to Believe

The core application is a call to transfer our trust from the prognosis of man to the promise of God. The devotional makes it clear that "hopeless" is not a divine classification; it is a human conclusion. The God who created the universe from nothing, gave a child to a post-menopausal woman, and resurrected a valley of dry bones, remains the same today. To write off any situation as hopeless is to impose human limitation on an unlimited God.

Pray this:

"Almighty God, I come before You today, acknowledging that my situation is impossible for man but possible for You. I renounce every spirit of doubt, fear, and hopelessness that has taken root in my heart. Right now, I speak Your word over my dry bones: 'LIVE!' I prophesy to my 'Isaac' to be born. I declare that You are the God of all flesh, and nothing is too hard for You. I stand on Luke 1:37 and believe for a creative miracle in my life. Let my story become a testimony of Your power for all to see. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen."

Action Steps:

- 1. Identify Your "Dry Bones": Name the specific situation in your life that feels hopeless and dead.
- 2. **Find God's Promise:** Search the Scriptures for a promise that contradicts your hopeless reality (e.g., Jeremiah 32:27 for impossibility, Philippians 4:19 for need, Psalm 103:3 for healing).
- 3. **Prophesy Daily:** Speak that Scripture over your situation daily, out loud, as an act of faith and obedience, just as Ezekiel did.
- 4. **Prepare for Testimony:** Act in faith as if God has already answered. Like the man with new kidneys, get ready to verify and testify of God's goodness.

Remember: Your hopeless situation is simply the stage upon which God intends to display His greatest miracle. Men write off what they cannot fix, but God is glorified in what only He can do. Do not bury your Isaac; prophesy to it. Do not abandon your valley of dry bones; command life into them. With God, nothing is ever impossible.

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