

## Open Heaven Devotional 11 March 2025: JESUS CARES

### Description

Today's Open Heaven devotional (11 March 2025) is JESUS CARES

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# OPEN HEAVEN 11 MARCH 2025 DEVOTIONAL

## TOPIC: JESUS CARES

### MEMORISE

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1 Peter 5:7

### READ: 1 Kings 17:1-16

And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.

2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,

3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.

5 So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.

6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook.

7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.  
8 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying,  
9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.

10 So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman was there gathering of sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.

11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand.

12 And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die.

13 And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son.

14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.

15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat many days.

16 And the barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by Elijah.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 11 MARCH 2025 MESSAGE**

God cares deeply for all His children. In 2 Kings 4:1-7, we read about the widow of one of the sons of the prophets whose husband died and left her with a load of debt. When the creditor came and wanted to take her sons into bondage if she didn't pay, she cried to Elisha, who told her to borrow many vessels and pour from the little bottle of oil that she had at home into them. The Great Provider stepped in, and she was able to pay off her debt and live off the proceeds of the oil she sold for the rest of her life.

In John 6:5-13, Jesus fed 5,000 men, not counting women and children, with a boy's lunch. To show that He truly cared, He multiplied the lunch until everybody was fed and there were twelve baskets of leftovers.

These and many more stories show that Jesus truly cares. Jesus also cares about us, not just our needs.

He knows how fragile our human bodies are, and He wants us to be in good shape to do what He has called us to do. Years ago, there was a day I attended to people from 8:00am until 6:00pm when I managed to eat a little before attending our Bible study service. When I returned to my office, people were already waiting to see me. I kept praying for people until 10:30pm, and I was told there were ten more people waiting. By that time, my body was aching, and I was very tired. I asked God for what to do, and He said, "You don't need to stand to pray for them. Sit down, touch their head, and let them go. They will receive their miracle." I was surprised, and I said, "God, you mean I can talk to You, the Almighty, sitting down?" He replied that He has walked on the earth as a human, and He knows what it

means to be tired.

Jesus knows our weak frame and cares deeply about us (Psalm 103:14). He is our High Priest who is touched with the feelings of our infirmities because He faced the same issues we now face (Hebrews 4:15). In today's Bible reading, we see how God cared for His prophet throughout the famine; he wasn't stranded at any point.

Beloved, put all your trust in God. He truly cares for you, and He will never leave you stranded.

## **PRAYER POINT**

Thank You, Jesus, for Your loving care.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Joshua 21-22

## **HYMN 5: BLESSED ASSURANCE**

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# **OPEN HEAVEN 11 MARCH 2025 COMMENTARY**

## **1. God's Provision in Desperate Times**

Open Heaven devotional for today opens with two powerful examples of God's care:

1. **The Widow's Oil (2 Kings 4:1-7):**
  - Facing debt and slavery, she obeyed Elisha's unusual instruction.
  - God multiplied her meager oil, **turning scarcity into abundance.**
2. **Feeding the 5,000 (John 6:5-13):**
  - Jesus took a boy's lunch and fed thousands, **demonstrating His compassion and power.**

### **Key Lesson:**

- **God's care is not theoretical. It's practical and timely.**
- **He often uses what we already have (no matter how small) to meet our needs.**

### **Application:**

? **Identify your "little oil" or "five loaves". What small resource can God multiply?**

? **Obey His instructions, even when they seem unconventional (e.g., borrowing empty jars).**

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## **2. God Cares About Your Physical Well-Being**

Today's devotional shares a personal testimony of Pastor Adeboye's exhaustion during ministry. God's response was profound:

- *"You don't need to stand to pray for them... I know what it means to be tired."*

#### **Biblical Foundation:**

- **Jesus experienced human limitations** (John 4:6 – He was weary from travel).
- **He understands our frailty** (Psalm 103:14; Hebrews 4:15).

#### **Modern Application:**

- **Burnout is not a spiritual badge of honor.**
- **God permits rest and practical solutions (e.g., sitting while praying).**

#### **Action Step:**

? **Balance zeal with wisdom. Listen to your body as God's temple (1 Corinthians 6:19).**

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### **3. God's Sustenance in Famine (1 Kings 17:1-16)**

Elijah's story reveals God's care during a national crisis:

1. **Ravens brought food** (v. 4-6). **Supernatural provision.**
2. **A widow's flour and oil never ran out** (v. 14-16). **Miraculous sustenance.**

#### **Why This Matters:**

- **Famine symbolizes life's harsh seasons (financial, emotional, spiritual).**
- **God has unique strategies for each trial (ravens for Elijah, a widow for the prophet).**

#### **Encouragement:**

- **Your "famine" is not a dead end. It's a setup for divine supply.**
- **God may use unexpected channels (e.g., ravens, a poor widow).**

#### **Prayer:**

*"Lord, open my eyes to see Your unconventional provision in my crisis."*

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### **4. The Heart of God: A Caring Father**

The devotional dispels the myth of a distant, indifferent God by highlighting:

- **His attentiveness** (Matthew 10:29-31 – He notices sparrows and counts your hairs).
- **His empathy** (Hebrews 4:15 – Jesus *"sympathizes with our weaknesses"*).
- **His commitment** (Deuteronomy 31:6 – *"He will never leave you nor forsake you"*).

### Warning Against Self-Reliance:

- Worry implies we doubt His care (Matthew 6:30).
- Striving (like the widow trying to solve her debt alone) often precedes surrender.

### Application:

? Replace anxiety with trust: *“Father, I cast this burden on You now.”*

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## 5. Practical Steps to Experience God’s Care

1. **Acknowledge Your Need** (Like the widow, cry out—2 Kings 4:1).
2. **Obey His Word** (Act on Scripture and promptings, e.g., borrowing jars).
3. **Rest in His Understanding** (Accept His accommodations for your limits).
4. **Testify of His Faithfulness** (Share how He’s provided, reinforcing faith).

### Affirmation:

*“My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory!”* (Philippians 4:19)

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## Final Thought: You Are Never Stranded

The devotional’s closing promise *“He will never leave you stranded”* echoes biblical assurances:

- **Psalm 23:1:** *“I shall not want.”*
- **Isaiah 41:10:** *“I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”*

**“Look at the birds of the air... your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?”** (Matthew 6:26)

### Action Steps:

1. Write down one area where you struggle to trust God’s care. Pray over it daily.
2. Help someone in need—be God’s channel of provision.
3. Memorize 1 Peter 5:7 as a weapon against worry.

**“Your Father knows, your Father sees, your Father cares—and He’s already making a way!”**

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