

Description

The Open Heaven 22 May 2025 devotional for today is FROM HEARING TO EXPERIENCING MIRACLES

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OPEN HEAVEN 22 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: FROM HEARING TO EXPERIENCING MIRACLES

MEMORISE

That which was from the beginning, which we have neard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the word of life:

1 John 1:1

READ: Mark 5:25-34

25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years,

26 And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse,

27 When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.

28 For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole.

- 29 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plaque.
- 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?
- 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?
- 32 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing.
- 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.
- 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 22 MAY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

There is nothing like being a testifier and experiencing testimonies personally. When you read of mighty miracles in the Bible or hear testimonies of the great things God has done for His people, you might not fully understand His 'Almightiness'. However, this will not be the case if you personally experience His supernatural intervention.

Before the spies came to Jericho in Joshua 2:1-23, Rahab had heard of the many mighty miracles of God. She hadn't seen any of those miracles. but she believed them and her faith eventually made her experience some of God's miracles. When you hear a testimony or read about something that God did in the Scriptures, let it build faith in you.

The faith built from the testimonies you hear can help you to also experience miracles, like the woman in today's Bible reading who was reported to have heard about Jesus (Mark 5:27).

I struggled to believe in divine healing and health when I first became born again. In those days, I was always down with malaria and I kept taking medications. One day, I saw an elderly man, whom I had always known to have a bent back, walking perfectly upright in church. I was eager to know what had happened to him, and whlle sharing his testimony, he said that he had gone to evangelise as usual when someone started insulting him in the neighbourhood. The fellow told him that if his God is so powerful, He would have healed him from his condition.

On hearing this, the man said that he got angry and stood straight. He said that even though his back was burning with pain, he stood straight because he couldn't stand hearing someone talk about his God in that manner.

On getting to his house, the pain disappeared completely. When I heard that testimony, my faith was stirred. and I knew that divine health was possible. I allowed Jesus to become my doctor, and by His grace, I have not had to take malaria medications ever since. I experienced a miracle because my faith increased when I heard someone else' testimony.

Beloved, if you have heard a testimony from someone about a kind of miracle that you are believing God for, let it build faith in you. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34); if He has given someone a

miracle, He is willing and able to do the same for you. I pray that you will experience a mighty miracle from God today, in Jesus' name.

ACTION POINT

Meditate on testimonies concerning the things you are believing God for until they build faith in you.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Nehemiah 4-7

RCCG HYMN 35: 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 22 MAY 2025 COMMENTARY

Memorise: 1 John 1:1 (KJV)

This verse emphasizes **firsthand spiritual encounters**—the kind of experiences that transform abstract faith into tangible reality.

Bible Reading: Mark 5:25-34 (KJV)

The story of the woman with the issue of blood demonstrates how hearing testimonies about Jesus (v.27) birthed faith that secured her miracle.

Key Insights from Today's Open Heaven Devotional

1. The Transformative Power of Testimonies

- Biblical Examples:
 - 1. Rahab: Heard about Israel's miracles (Joshua 2:10-11) ? Was saved (Joshua 6:25)
 - 2. The Bleeding Woman: Heard about Jesus (Mark 5:27) ? Received healing
 - 3. The Author. Witnessed a healing testimony? Experienced divine health
- Threefold Impact of Testimonies:
 - 1. Revelation: Reveals God's nature (Psalm 145:4)
 - 2. Faith Activation: "Faith comes by hearing" (Romans 10:17)

3. Hope Sustenance: Encourages during waiting periods (Hebrews 10:23)

2. From Secondhand Faith to Firsthand Experience

• The Progression Seen in Mark 5:

- 1. Hearing ("She had heard of Jesus")
- 2. Believing ("If I may touch His clothes...")
- 3. Acting ("Came in the press behind...")
- 4. Testifying ("She told Him all the truth")

Modern Application:

Your miracle often follows this same sequence:

- 1. Hear/read a testimony
- 2. Let it build faith
- 3. Take corresponding action
- 4. Share your own story

3. Overcoming Doubt Through Witnessed Miracles

• Daddy Adeboye's Journey:

- 1. Initial Struggle: Doubted divine healing
- 2. Faith Catalyst: Saw a bent back straightened
- 3. Personal Application: Free from malaria
- 4. Lasting Result: Years of divine health

• Biblical Parallels:

- Thomas' doubt overcome by seeing Christ's wounds (John 20:27-29)
- The Samaritans believed first through the woman's testimony (John 4:39)

4. The Science of Testimony-Based Faith

1. Neurological Impact

- Hearing miracle stories activates faith centers in the brain
- Creates new neural pathways for belief

2. Spiritual Principle

- Testimonies are "faith seeds" (Mark 4:14-20)
- When planted in good soil (open hearts), they produce harvests

3. Community Effect

Shared stories build collective faith (Acts 4:32-33)

5. How to Maximize Testimonies

• For Hearers:

- 1. Listen attentively (Proverbs 4:20)
- 2. Meditate on the details
- 3. Personalize the principles

• For Receivers:

1. Document your miracles (Psalm 77:11)

- 2. Share appropriately (Mark 5:19)
- 3. Give God all glory (Psalm 115:1)

Life Applications

For the Doubting Heart:

- Action: Create a "Testimony Journal" record miracles you hear/read
- Prayer: "Holy Spirit, make these testimonies living faith-seeds in me"

For the Needy:

- Study: Identify 3 Bible characters who received what you need
- Declaration: "What God did for _____, He'll do for me!"

For Miracle Recipients:

- Challenge: Share your story this week (Revelation 12:11)
- Warning: Don't let pride steal your testimony's power (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Warning vs. Promise

- Warning: "Unbelief makes testimonies ineffective" (Hebrews 3:19)
- **Promise:** "God shows no favoritism" (Acts 10:34) Your turn is coming!

Conclusion: Your Testimony Awaits

- 1. Today's heard miracles are tomorrow's experienced wonders
- 2. Faith grows fastest in the soil of others' testimonies
- 3. Your coming breakthrough will become someone else's faith catalyst

Prayer Response

"Father, open my ears to hear testimonies with faith. Let every miracle story I encounter build expectation for my own breakthrough. Make me a living testimony of Your power, in Jesus' name. Amen."

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