

Ministerial Mission Challenge 1

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Gbile Akanni emphasizes the necessity of open heavens for effective gospel mission and revival, urging believers to abandon human wisdom and embrace divine guidance for global discipleship and spiritual awakening.

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Description

In this teaching sermon, Gbile Akanni explores the critical role of 'open heavens' in advancing the gospel and sparking revival worldwide. Drawing from biblical examples and contemporary mission reports from the UK, North Africa, and Sudan, he challenges believers to relinquish human wisdom and embrace God's guidance. The message calls for renewed prayer, discipleship, and laborers to respond effectively to the global mission challenge.

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Telephone numbers 0703 03636 59, 0703 76811 98. Email address lsmedia at livingseed.org or visit our website at www.livingseed.org. Let us sit back and listen as the servant of God brings forth the Word of Life. We are going to first of all look at the challenge of the Gospel, the challenge that needs, that necessitates revival all across the world.

And tonight we are going to be looking at the mission challenge and we are going to be looking at countries around the Europe, Latin America and some parts of Africa. Taking us this afternoon is going to be our brother Amos Olayinka from Uganda. I hope he's on air.

All right. Yes. He will be taking over from here and we are calling the meeting for this evening.

All right. Thank you very much. Brother Henry, I want to thank God again for this opportunity to share together.

The Lord has been speaking to us since the beginning of this meeting that we see the heavens open. And as we go into this lot, we just want to look at one of the things that normally happen when the heavens

open. And one of the things that requires an open heaven, it is that any time we want to visit the earth like we have had, it opens the heaven.

And one of the things that happens when God opens the heavens is that the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is preached in many, many places. Jesus Christ himself, he came to minister when there was a critical need for an open heaven. I'm not going to preach, but you do know that if you look at your Bible in between the Old Testament and the New Testament, there's that blank page which represented 400 silent years.

And as if Jesus knew that he cannot operate effectively to do what God has sent him to do on earth under a closed heaven. So he passed through the baptism of John, and the Bible says in Matthew 3, verse 16, that the heavens were opened unto him. Now it was after he secured this open heaven that in Matthew 4, the Bible says he left Nazareth.

He went and dwelt in Zebulon, in Naphtali, the places that had been occupied by darkness. So anytime God wants to address the darkness of the nations, he opens the heavens. And God announcing that we have come to another point of open heaven is not cosmetic and is not for self-satisfaction or to do anything for self.

It's for the purpose of the kingdom of God and for the kingdom of God to be expanded on earth. Now, this evening, I'm going to be calling on three persons that will be showing us some of the need around the world of the gospel. And some of these places are places where heavens have opened before, and they enjoy the open heaven and the gospel prospers so much in those lands.

But then something happened, and now God announcing afresh, we want to see what are the situations in those places that is calling for an open heaven. And what is actually God's expectation in missions and in discipleship that we choose this open heaven to fulfill. Now, the first place we want to visit this evening very quickly is the United Kingdom and Europe.

Actually, if there's any land that enjoy open heaven, it is this land. And actually, the forefathers of faith make the best use of those open heaven. But we want to now hear what are the situation presently, what are the things happening.

You will remember that when we say William Carey is the father of modern mission, he left the shores of United Kingdom for India in 1793. And after a 41 years of mission work, so many things happened that I don't have time to tell you. Bibles were translated, converts were made, disciples were made.

Hussein Taylor went to China, all of that. Now for this evening, I want to call on our brother, our brother Mark Graham from United Kingdom is one of our disciples there. And he'll be telling us a bit about why God again is opening this heaven and what he expects that this heaven, open heaven should be used for.

And how he expects that we should respond to this open heaven with the situation it will be presenting unto us. Brother Mark Graham, can you please come on now? My surroundings aren't the best, but we'll manage by God's grace. So, yes, I was asked actually just to give a report perhaps on where the state of the church is in the UK.

And how that ties into what you've just explained about the open heavens and how we should respond. And it's also important for me, I guess I should also say I'm giving a personal perspective. If we say where is the church at and what needs to happen, this is my current understanding.

But I think it's very important to note what you just said, that in the past we've had open heavens, we've had revivals in the UK. And I've read in the past about the terrible situations in the UK in the early 1700s. Before the revival came in that God used John Wesley to lead.

And then, as you know, we've had revivals in the early 1900s, the mid 1900s. But for me, that's all what I've read about. When I look back over my own lifetime, which is, I won't tell you exactly, but 50 odd years, I've only read about these revivals.

I've not really seen them. And what I have seen is that the church has either been in maintenance mode, just as a social club almost, or just going through rituals. When I have seen a desire in the church to spread the gospel, looking back on it with hindsight, what I've seen is that people came in with their own ideas, their own wisdom.

There was a desire to do something. So people sat down and said, well, what shall we do? And this is our idea. Now let's do it.

And I think in my observation of my lifetime of what I've seen of the church, that's been very characteristic. And I keep on thinking that God had to show Paul that when he was weak, then he was strong. The converse of that is that when he was strong in his own strength, he had no strength from God.

It's as if God says, well, as long as you've got your strength, off you go, you're on your own. And that's what we've done in my experience in the church, in the UK, in my lifetime. And it's when we say, as we're beginning to now, and that's where I'll come on to, actually, we have brought no deliverance on the earth.

It says, I think it's Isaiah 26, that we have been, as it were, with child, but we've given birth to wind. That's how I would see the church in the UK. We've done a lot of labor and we've given birth to the wind.

Nothing, because that labor has been in human strength. So if you're asking me, one of the things by which we must respond to open heavens is we have to come to the end of ourselves. And we've got to come to the end of our good ideas.

And even taking something that God gives us, something spiritual that's from God, a wisdom and instruction. And then we sit down and say, right, now we'll add on the layer of our own wisdom that we got from the world. We know that as soon as you touch anything spiritual with something fleshly, you contaminate it and God withdraws.

So for me, one of the key things now, as we are experiencing open heavens, is to cry out to God for that understanding. And I think what I have noticed more recently in recent years is that there is an awakening, because the church in the UK really has been asleep for some decades. And I'm seeing stirrings, I'm seeing yearnings, I'm seeing a passion and a desire, a zeal is coming.

But all too often that zeal is without knowledge and we're going back to the old mistakes. Even when people are being stirred to start moving in the supernatural gifts of the spirit, I often see human wisdom coming in. So one of my key things is, please pray for us here in the UK.

I was talking with someone earlier today on this subject. And how do we respond? What do we need to do was the question. And that's what I said, we need inroads into people's hearts, because there are people whom God is stirring.

And they're responding in zeal, but zeal without knowledge. And I think, God, you're not doing something to take us halfway here, that something's going to start and then be corrupted. Those people that are stirring zeal, but yet haven't had the opportunities for teaching, for discipleship.

You need to send your people to them. Those of us that have been blessed with something more of understanding, that the key to this is the end of self. We need an opening to the hearts of those people that God is stirring.

He's giving them zeal, but they haven't yet got knowledge. So the two things I'm really asking God is for more stirrings, more awakening, more zeal. But open doors into the hearts of those zealous people, that we can disciple them in the ways of God.

So they're not running with something that God's starting, but running in the wrong direction. We saw when David wanted to bring the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. So they had their own good ideas about putting it on a cart.

And it ended up with stumbling, Uzzah putting his hand out and dying. It was a move of God, but it was carried out in the wisdom of man. And so we need an opening to people's hearts.

Because at the moment, they don't know that they need something. They think their good ideas are enough. That's what I perceive.

And so pray, Lord, give them that sense of inadequacy and open hearts to more. I don't know if I have answered the question. If you want to come back with anything else.

That's just my personal perspective on where we're at. Right. Thank you very much.

We're very grateful. Like you said in affirmation, there's no doubt that those are land or that is a land that has experienced open heaven. One of the key thing we can never forget is the Edinburgh 1910 conference.

It was from that Edinburgh that many people from the United Kingdom arose as missionaries to Africa, to Latin America, to Asia, to different parts of the world. Actually, at that conference, we are told that the Europeans were 95 percent at that conference. Now, to know that something has happened that we need to trust God is the fact that 100 years later, at 2010, when there was another conference in Tokyo, Japan to commemorate Edinburgh 1910, now the Europeans were less than 5 percent.

And several things happened at that conference to show that Europe, United Kingdom has gradually become a fresh mission field. But then the final question before I leave that quickly, which I wanted to ask our brother, is what has been answered in our message. I think of yesterday or this morning where the servant of the Lord said, don't say that UK is too difficult.

Now that God is announcing an open heaven, the situation in that land will be turned around. As we pray, as we hear God that please send forth missionaries, send forth laborers into that land. We believe that the situation will change and all that our brother has taught us with that faith.

We want to agree with you that again, that land will experience the gospel afresh. That land under this open heaven will experience revival and discipleship again will become a common thing all over that place in the name of Jesus. Thank you very much.

And the Lord bless you. Now, the next place I want to quickly move to is Latin America, Latin America. And I'll be inviting our sister, Sister Teresita Canto.

She will again be bringing us a short report just in about six minutes from that end. We are not able to go all over the world, but the situation in several lands is actually the same. But our faith for missions is that mission thrives so much, almost effortlessly, so to say, under open heaven.

And for God to have announced, behold, you will see heaven open. Now, one of the ways to maximize it is that we are believing that God will send forth men to this land again. Can we bring up Sister Teresita Canto all the way from Belize? Sister, you are welcome.

All right. While you are trying to locate her, let me quickly move to North Africa. Now, right here in our own center in Kampala Center One, we have several brethren from Sudan.

This time around, I say Sudan, not Africa. And if we want to talk about the land that has experienced open heaven, I think North Africa will be one of the first place to mention. This is a land that's 100 years after Jesus resurrected and ascended into heaven, has virtually been Christianized completely.

But as Islam arose, Mohammed bin Salman born in AD 570, by AD 600, 700. Now, Islam has virtually taken over the whole of that land. But God is announcing, behold, you will see heaven open.

And the situation in Western Sahara, in Tunisia, in Algeria, in Morocco, in Libya, all those places that have experienced open heaven before. God is saying you will see heaven open. And those places, again, we experience the Lord afresh.

Now, I want to call on one of our brothers from Sudan. He's from Numba Mountain. Kahlo Yusuf is right in our center.

So, you will need to highlight Kampala Center One, where he will be speaking from. And he will be sharing with us, again, the situation in Sudan, what has been going on, and all of that. And we'll be trusting God, again, that North Africa will experience open heaven.

This open heaven will bring a radical change. Missions will prosper again in North Africa. Brother Kahlo Yusuf, please, can you come on now from Kampala Center One? Thank you so much.

There's a lot we could share, but I'll just make a quick summary of what's happening in Sudan. Sudan is one of the places with very beautiful old history, but that disappeared with the coming of Islam. And today, Sudan, according to the official statistics, only 7% of the Sudanese population identify as Christians.

And by saying identify, you can go into definition to know who could be a real Christian when it comes to practical reality. And Sudan, currently, we are going through very, very amazing and very painful experiences of war. And the war, the spirit of war has been part of our country right from independence.

From 1956 until 2011, we had to split into two countries, thinking that we were going to solve that problem by allowing South Sudan to proceed. But then we just had our brothers separate, and we didn't actually deal with the enemy. Who is the devil who is causing fights among ourselves? So South Sudanese split, we lost a chunk of one quarter of our country.

And unfortunately, the country of South Sudan also descended into war. And recently, as we might have been seeing on the news, that Sudan has descended into very, very critical and painful chaos of war. And

please pray for us.

And there, the situation of the church, the church is almost non-existent. It's there, there is a body. There are people who say we are Christians, but there is no discipleship.

People hardly know about God, even though they say we are Christians. They hardly know about Jesus personally. And I was just thrilled by the teachings I'm seeing today, that we need to know Jesus personally for us to have the heaven open.

For the heaven to open, we need to have Jesus experience with him, to have experience with Jesus and encounter with Jesus. Many of us Sudanese people do not have that. And please pray for us as Sudanese people that we can come into personal encounter with Christ, Jesus Christ, as the Sudanese church.

And that will allow the heaven to open and begin to revive, revive our country. And also pray for laborers to come. The harvest is plentiful.

Like from my age, I'm now about 40. I'm 37 years old. Throughout my years of growth, I have never seen the desire for the church or for Christ like I have seen recently.

I've been a student in Uganda, and I returned back to Sudan as a missionary. And recently, just very simple gatherings for the Bible. Many people are very interested to hear about the word of God.

But men and women who are ready and willing to teach, who have even understanding of the gospel, to preach the word of God are very rare. Please pray for laborers to come. And the harvest is plentiful.

And I really say thank you so much for the opportunity to share with you. I send my love to you all over the world, wherever you are. And I thank the organizers of this event.

And we have a couple of us here. We really appreciate the invitation. Thank you also.

So much. All right. Thank you very much.

This time will not permit us to ask you questions, but we have had. And what God is beginning to do in Sudan, we are believing that is the beginning of what we do in North Africa again. I just keep believing God with the offerings that came, you know, from the servant of God that don't say UK is difficult.

Don't say North Africa is difficult. When the heavens open, one thing that happened is that mission tries so, so much. And we are believing God that even land that looks so difficult and hard, open heaven will actually soften it.

So, thank you very much. All our brethren from Sudan that are in Kampala One Center, we thank you. The desire of your heart, as we pray, the Lord will meet it in the name of Jesus.

There's a lot of need for discipleship, especially among the seven percent Christians. Most of them are found in the mountains. And we are trusting God that God will be raising vessels, will be raising lives, will be raising some of us.

That God will be giving this vision as we pray and God will be working it out. And preparing us. This morning we heard that one of the things to do is preparation when God has announced an open heaven.

Now, I don't know whether we have been able to locate Sister Teresita Kanto. When we look at certain issues that are plaguing these countries, that rivalry, corrupt government, government that wants to mandate things that are of wickedness, that are against the gospel, changing constitution, looking at the youngsters who are not adamant about the things of the Lord, but in aspect of doing their own things. We look at marriages, breaking up of a law relationship.

And so the need for the gospel in the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean is of massive importance because the gospel is the only way the world and these countries will truly know peace and everlasting life. And so as the gospel proclaims what God has done through Jesus Christ, while we are regarded as third world countries and rather first world countries, looking at world peace and their own strategies, peace of the world cannot be gained by man's strategies, but only by that of true Jesus Christ and his true hymn that brings peace to the world. And that peace was brought through his very death on the cross.

And so the cross is something that as believers and as people we need to understand what the death of Jesus Christ signifies. It is what his details are. It says that he places a new heart in us and gives us a newness, a change.

And so for his only true God, peace can be garnered. And so the gospel must be taught in a manner of what truly the cross means. I think many people believe that the cross is just an aspect that is placed upon the church.

It's a symbol and in preaching the gospel that, you know what? We are already victorious through Jesus Christ. The cross also signifies to us that the enemy has no power over us. Because one, we are already dead.

We are crucified in Christ Jesus. And it's a light there that God desires. And so the gospel must be adamantly taught.

Yes, there are revival aspects. Yes, believers in our country get together to look at marijuana constitutions and certain things that will try to be implemented in our country. But in Belize, there is more of a need of spreading the word of God and that sharing Jesus and what we truly feel.

And that it is a life of victory that God desires for everyone. And anyone who comes to Him. And it is an aspect where we look at the open heavens.

It's a unity that is founded by believers. And if we come together in unity, if we come in the oneness of the Spirit, what is it that, you know, God can transcend? An open heaven that He can seek upon us as a country and what we can do. But if we as believers are not in obedience to the very word of God, then we cannot give what we have to others.

And so the gospel, even among believers, is a study, a show of who is unto God. And so it is of massive importance that it is the word of God that is shared throughout the length and breadth of our country, and especially here in Belize. We are regarded, I think it is almost 80% of us are regarded as Christians.

But when you look at the definition of what a Christian is, that's a person who is Christ-like. It is a person whose life has been transformed into the image, the personality of Jesus Christ. And so we can say that we are believers, but if we're living a double standard life, if we're still following Jesus and following the things of the world, then that is not the true definition of what a Christian is.

And so the gospel, the word of God, He who is the way, the truth, and the life must be adamantly spread, only for the open heavens in order for that to reign upon us. And we have seen, as I mentioned, certain aspects of revival, and we're praying for more of that. So, so long it will reign upon us.

All right. Thank you very much, Sister. And for several of those highlights.

Actually, just as we have been hearing, when there's an open heaven, when God again opens the heaven, discipleship, revival, missions, now becomes the resultant effect of every open heaven that we have witnessed in church history. And so as we are about to begin to round off this session, before I hand over back to Brad Larry, that will bring us a very short charge. Now, the prayer we are asking that God will help us to pray is to believe, first, that under open heaven, there is no land that is difficult.

Under open heaven, there is no land that is impossible. So whether it's urban missions in the cities, whether it's rural missions, whether it's professional missions that we shall be talking about even in the course of this mission challenge, whether it's missions to students, all of these under open heaven, they receive their share of the gospel of revival, of visitation, of restoration, and the kingdom of God is expanded under open heaven. Now, as we go to this challenge, now I want you to begin to ask yourself and begin to pray.

Mission challenge is not just for you to enjoy. It's for you to ask God, so what would you want me to do? Like Brad Denny said, they are our seniors. For several of us, we responded to the call of God and to missions in our youth.

And God, again, is announcing another open heaven and is encouraging several of us to lay down our lives, several of us to say, Lord, here I am, send me. Now, as we shall be praying together at the end of that challenge this evening, I want you to ask God, and I want you to receive God's call upon your life. It can come in different ways, in different dimensions.

For some of us, it may be not immediate, but whichever, the first thing is to say, Lord, here am I. That under this open heaven, whatever you want to use my life for, in whichever land, in whichever way, I am answering the call and I'm saying, Lord, I am here for you. Let me ask Brother Larry to again bring to us a short church as we conclude this mission challenge. Over to you, sir.

Thank you very much, Brother Amos. As I start to listen to our brethren, whether it's from South Sudan, I can't remember now whether it's South or North, but I think that's from South Sudan, from Sudan, from UK, and from Belize. The same rings true.

God is in a need, a great and dire need, for people to go into those lands who have been discipled. And I am speaking this evening very quickly to those of us who have sat in discipleship for years. Those of us who have gone through concepts and conditions of discipleship, those of us who have gone through kingdom lifestyle, who have gone through devotions of a disciple, who have gone through the pursuit, the quest for God, and several other discipleship materials, we have stock of messages, we have listened, we have attended retreats.

If we put all the things that God has brought our way, if we put them into a bank, we will be rich people. But what are we rich about when we are not rich towards the gospel? We are not rich towards God's purpose and kingdom and God's kingdom on the earth. For several of us, and let me first of all speak to several of our brethren outside Nigeria, before I come back to Nigeria.

Several of us who may not have visa problems to go to UK. You may not have visa problems to go to Latin America. You don't have visa problems to go to several of these parts of the world.

Just a flight and you are there. Just an application and you can get a job. If you have been discipled, you have been discipled for a purpose, for a time like this.

Your discipleship is not just for personal enjoyment. Your discipleship is not just for knowledge sake. God's intention is that the knowledge of God shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the sea.

For several of us who are in those privileged places where you have Schengen visas, where you have visas that can take you to Europe, that can take you to Canada, take you to all of those places. The call is coming out that you have an opportunity to make a deliberate relocation to those places in search of revival, in the quest for revival. That's the reason why God has reached you.

Some of us, we look as if we are few. But ask yourself, why did God reach out to me? Why me? Why me alone? Of all the people in my family, all the people in this, why did I come in contact with this revival first? It is because God is seeking you as a hand, as a tool, as a vessel in this revival. And if I come to those of us that are in Nigeria, I would like to read a passage of scripture because I know that those of us in Africa, in Nigeria, in Africa, in Ghana, in Cote d'Ivoire, in several of those places, the thought of travelling abroad for me will be exciting to us, maybe for another reason.

The thought of going for missions. I say, yes, I want to go. And as we are making this call today, something may begin to say, if God will just allow my visa to go through, if only my visa lottery will go through, if only this, if only that, and the excitement may be in your heart to jump out like they say in Nigeria.

Just to bolt out of this country and you are going there. That is not the kind of thing we are talking about. And we have lots of our brethren from African countries in many of these countries.

They are all over there in UK. They are there in US. They are there in Canada, which looks like the current El Dorado.

Everybody is running away to go to those places. They are there for a different mission. They are there for mammon.

They are there for better conditions. They are there just to escape the suffering and the trouble that is in our African countries. Those are not the people that God is looking for.

And let me tell you, don't tell us that there are many people in UK. Let them reach the UK people. Majority of those people are there.

They cannot do what God is looking for. Some of them are there illegally. Some of them are there as survivors.

Some of them are there, they can't do anything. They can't come out to speak. And even those who are there legally and can come to speak, they have a different focus.

God is in need of people who will offer themselves as illegitimate and say, Lord, you know I have no plans, I have no desire to go abroad to go and do anything. If you carry me there, it will be for the sake of the gospel. And God will take note of what you are saying today.

I was just looking at a little girl in 2 Kings 5. Many times we read the story of Naaman and we see the miracle of the healing of the leper. Most of the time our attention is on Naaman, our attention is on Elisha, our attention is on those big, big, big characters. But there was a little girl in that story that made a lot of a difference.

The Bible said in 2 Kings 5, Now, Naaman, from verse 1, Verse 2, and I want you to pay attention. And the Bible says the Syrians had gone out by companies and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid, a little girl, and she waited on Naaman's wife. She was like a, in Nigeria we call it a house girl.

Maybe in other countries they call them hired helps or whatever it is. Here is a slave that was taken captive and she was brought to be a personal servant to the wife of an army general. And she said to her mistress, I'm sure you know the rest of the story.

What am I talking about? Here was a girl who was taken abroad. In this case, not by her own will. She did not go for extra money.

She did not go for personal pleasure. She was captured as it were, and she went. But while she was in a foreign land, she saw this general who was languishing, just like several in these countries that we are talking about.

They are languishing in sin, languishing in ignorance. They don't know anything about the gospel. And this guy said, excuse me, why are we talking about leprosy? Leprosy is a big thing.

That's a small thing. In Nigeria, where I come from, in Ghana, where I come from, in Sudan, where I come from, that's a small piece. The power of God is available.

Something can reach this. And a small girl caused a diplomatic process and set it in motion. And not only was Naaman delivered, Naaman healed, Naaman returned to his country as a missionary.

He told Elijah, he said, from now on, I will never bow to another God except the God of Israel. Where are people who can offer themselves? And they are going there, not because of economic realities, not because of running from suffering, but people who are saying, Lord, I have the skills. Lord, I have the certificates.

I have the professional qualification. Even if I don't have it, you can carry me there. Lord, I will go there for only one sake, the gospel sake.

There is a need for a new brand of missionaries. There is a need for a new wave of people to travel out of Africa, to Europe, to America, not as the kind of economic slaves that we have witnessed in the past few years. And we need to speak to ourselves.

If you are here as a disciple, and all that fills your head and your heart is that I wish I could also leave this country so that I will enjoy. I have come to MLR so that God will stop my passport, so that I will leave this country where everything is wrong. That is not the kind of people that God will be sponsoring.

It's time for God to sponsor professionals, to sponsor ordinary people like me and you, to preach us, people with certificates, people with skills. And they are going to these countries with a sole aim of preaching the gospel, even to South Sudan, where we are talking about war. Do you know that the missionaries came to Africa not because Africa was economically better than where they were.

In fact, many of them built their coffin. They put their load, their clothes, their properties were brought to Africa in their coffin. They didn't even want to be transferred back to Europe or America to be buried.

They came with their coffins. I remember the story of John G. Lake who came, I think, to Southern Africa in the time of the plague. There was an epidemic of plague.

He was a medical doctor. People were dying like chicken, and he decided he was going to go there. Of course, there were a lot of miracles God brought through him, and he won a lot of souls to Christ.

Where are those people with that kind of heart? And say, take me to Sudan. Take me to Belize. Take me to wherever you want me to go for the sake of the gospel.

Maybe you are hearing my voice tonight, and you are saying, Lord, I am such a candidate. I am one person like that. I am available.

If you want to do it, you can arrange it. I will go, and when I go, if I step out into those countries, I will be stepping out for the sake of the gospel alone. God will be responding to you.

And if you are here and you are saying, well, if you don't send me, at least I can pray. I can fast. And there are people here who can make up, take a consecration before the Lord and say, Lord, every week, one day a week, I'm fasting for this country.

I'm fasting for Europe. I'm fasting for Latin America. I'm fasting for the war-torn areas of Africa.

I'm fasting and praying so that revival can burst forth all over the land. People have fasted for children, and they got it. People have fasted for a job, they got it.

They have fasted for visa, they got it. What are you going to fast for as a disciple? Are you going to join the crowd looking for the utilitarian gospel? Or you are going to consecrate yourself and say, Lord, put me in the number. I am praying and fasting for revival.

Until I see you face to face, every so-so day of the week, fasting and praying for revival. Where are people who make such commitment before the Lord? As I ask you to bow down your heads with me to pray. I want you to stand up wherever you are in all of the centers.

If you have spoken to you and say, I am ready to pray. I am ready to go. I am ready to support missions in any way.

I want you to stand on your feet and say, Lord Jesus, count me. God bless you. Just stand on your feet as we pray.

Stand everywhere, all across the centers. Stand to your feet and say, take me a Wednesday, a Tuesday, a Monday, and say every so-so day of the week, count me. Count me in.

I am going to be praying. I am going to be fasting. God bless you.

I'm going to ask our brother Emos Olayinka to come back to come and pray for you. But I want you to stand on your feet. And as you stand on your feet, make a deliberate commitment to the Lord.

Speak in your own words. Tell God what you want him to take you responsible. What you want him to take you serious about.

Speak to him this evening. As we make a challenge. Even if it is just to pray.

Even if it is just to pray. If all of us, we gang up and make a monthly or a weekly day of prayer. Intercession for revival in the parts of the world where revival has been before it has died.

Open your mouth and speak to the Lord. Make a commitment that you are going to write down. A commitment that you won't go to to take you at your words.

Make you responsible for. Brother Emos, I would like you to please come in and pray with the people. And give the instructions on the different places what they need to do as we finish praying.

Go ahead. As we pray together, if there are still a few persons that want to join, to stand up and to make a commitment to the Lord, please do that now. Heavenly Father, we want to thank you for this opportunity.

You have made an announcement. Behold, you will see greater things. And the heavens we open are fresh.

Lord, we want to say, Lord, we believe you. You have sent us a word that there is no land, there is no country, there is no place that is too difficult, except the heaven has not opened. Lord, we want to commit these brothers and sisters into your hands.

Lord, first we want to receive them as an offering to the nations. Offering to nations. Lord, we want to ask, oh God, that you will receive their commitment.

You will watch over their commitment. You watch over their decisions from today. Several of us, many years ago, we did something like this.

Some are in the campuses and they are making a decision for you today. Some are in different places and they are saying, Lord, count me in. Among those that we pray, count me in.

Among those that we, in mercy, found worthy to send forth to these needy places of the earth. And some are saying, Lord, count me in to support missions, to support missionaries. Whichever one is their prayer, their commitment, and their dedication, and their decision today, Lord, we are praying.

Please watch over their decision, especially under this open heaven. And Lord, we pray that by your Spirit, it will fulfill the desire of heaven. We pray, oh God, that by your Spirit, many people in different lands, they will rejoice that these ones have responded to your call even today.

Lord, we pray, oh Father, every arrangement, every preparation that they need, Lord, please set in motion and make sure that not long from now, Lord, they will become the reason for the joy of many nations. Want to commit the different land that we have spotlighted today, and even though that we couldn't mention the Asian countries, Lord, we pray that this open heaven will bring expansion of your kingdom in those several lands and those many countries. Russia, China, India, all those places that are populated with people, Lord, we commit them into your hands today.

May it please you, oh God, that under this open heaven, they will experience revival, they will experience visitation, they will experience, oh God, the gospel in a dimension that they are yet to know, and your name alone will be glorified. Thank you, blessed Father, for each of these brethren. We just ask that you lay your hands upon them until your purpose for their lives and the reason for their response tonight is fulfilled.

Blessed be your name, oh God. We worship and adore you. Some parents, they may need parental consent.

Some, the husband is responding, the wife also, Lord, you may need to speak to her and vice versa. Whichever way, oh God, we pray that this response will fulfill the desire of your heart. As you send men to the nations of the earth.

Thank you, blessed Father. We worship and adore you, Lord, for in Jesus' name we have prayed.

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