



COMPASSION DIGEST

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF ALL CHRISTIANS FELLOWSHIP MISSION

THEME OF THE YEAR

GOD OF ALL IMPOSSIBILITIES

JEREMIAH 32:27 KJV

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH
Atmosphere of Worship
 ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

6AM

EVERY TUESDAY
Bible Studies
 Small Group Centres

6PM

EVERY THURSDAY
Help from Above
 ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

5PM

EVERY SUNDAY
Celebration Service
 ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

8AM

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MON - FRI

1 OUR VISION

To raise Christ-like disciples who would be agents of transformation in the world.

3 OUR MOTTO

LOVE GOD AND LOVE PEOPLE.
 Life is all about love and developing relationship with God and with other people. Learning to love is life's most important lesson. Jesus called it **THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT.**

2 OUR MISSION

To bring people to Jesus and **membership** in his family, develop them to Christ-like **maturity**, equip them for their **ministry** in the Church and life **mission** in the world, in order to **magnify** God's name.

4 2023 MEMORY VERSE

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; Is there anything too hard for me?"
JEREMIAH 32:27 KJV

5 WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him."
ISAIAH 59:19 KJV

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 12** SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2023
All Women will be having a meeting with our Mummy in the Lord
Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion.
Time: immediately after service.
- 13** MONDAY 13TH FEBRUARY, 2023
Faithfulness Group Meeting comes up
Venue: Teens Hall.
Time: 5:00pm.

Goodness Group meeting comes up
Venue: Sis Elizabeth Aikhoje's residence, Zone 2, Wuse
Time: 5:00pm.
- 14** TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY, 2023
Bible Study
Manual: Be the Change You Want To See
Previous Study: Be Skillful
Topic: Be Trustworthy
Page: 63-64
Time: 6:00pm. (Or as agreed by the various centers)
Venues: All Small Group Centers.
- 16** THURSDAY 16TH FEBRUARY, 2023
HELP FROM ABOVE is
 -Prayer and Fasting day for the entire church.
 -A Healing, Miracle and Deliverance service
 -An outreach programme (reaching unsaved people for Christ and reaching out to other people who are hurting and are in need). Please invite your neighbours, friends, colleagues and unbelievers.
Time: 5:00pm.
Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion.
- 18** SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY, 2023
 Church Sanitation
 Gentleness group, Sanitation Group B and the Youth Fellowship All (Tribes).
- 26** SUNDAY 26TH FEBRUARY, 2023
 Project Offering

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

CHRISTIAN, SEEK NOT YET REPOSE

1. Christian, Seek Not Yet Repose.
 cast your dreams of ease away:
 Thou Art In The Midst Of Foes
 Watch And Pray!
2. Principalities And Powers
 Mustering Their Unseen Array.
 Wait For Thy Unguarded Hours:
 "Watch And Pray.."
3. Gird Thy Heavenly Armour On;
 Wear It Every Night And Day
 Ambushed Lies The Evil One
 "Watch And Pray."
4. Hear The Victors Who Overcame.
 Still They Mark Each Warrior's way;
 All With One Sweet Voice Exclaim.
 "Watch And Pray!"
5. Hear, Above All, Hear Thy Lord,
 Him Thou Lovest To Obey
 Hide Within Th Heart His Word
 "Watch And Pray"
6. Watch, As If On That Alone
 Hung The Issue Of The Day
 Pray, That Help May Be Sent Down
 Watch And Pray. Amen!

FEBRUARY

DO YOU HAVE YOUR PVC?

As a Nigerian, having a **PERMANENT VOTER'S CARD** and participating in the upcoming 2023 elections is your civic duty. Vote wisely. Your votes **COUNT.**

ELECTION DATES 2023

25 FEB 2023 Presidential & National Assembly

11 MAR 2023 Governorship & State Houses of Assembly

ACCOUNTS

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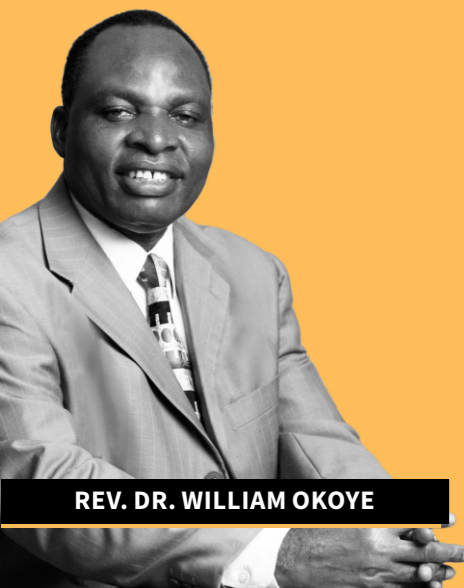


TUNE IN TO OUR WEEKLY TV BROADCAST aired on **Wazobia Max Channel 259 (DSTV)** Sundays 2:00PM



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LIVESTREAM on our Online Channels Sundays 9:00AM



REV. DR. WILLIAM OKOYE

ABUNDANT LIFE

JOHN 10: 10 [KJV]

REV. [DR.] WILLIAM OKOYE

From our text, Jesus said the reason why the thief came is to steal, kill and destroy. The devil's greatest joy and ministry is to make life miserable for us; thus the devil goes mad when we are happy. Jesus on the other hand said he came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. The Living Bible puts it this way: "The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness." I am speaking today essentially on how to maximize your life, rise to your fullest potential and experience the fullness of God. In John 14: 6 Jesus said, "I am the Way—yes, and the Truth and the Life. No one can get to the Father except by means of me." [TLB]

Jesus is saying I am not just the giver of life – "I AM LIFE." Again in John 3: 14 – 16; 36: "And as Moses in the wilderness lifted up the bronze image of a serpent on a pole, even so I must be lifted up upon a pole, so that anyone who believes in me will have eternal life. For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life..." [TLB].

So if you want to have and enjoy this life, you have to repent of your sins and receive Jesus into your life as Lord and personal Saviour. So the beginning of enjoying abundant life is to have Jesus in you. The Bible says, "... all [of us] have sinned and come short of the glory of God" [Romans 3: 23]; this happened when Adam and Eve sinned and put humanity in jeopardy, disconnecting man from the life of God and as a result man died spiritually. But Jesus came to restore us to that life of God; that is why the Bible says, "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" John 1: 12 [KJV].

If you live a life that is separated from God, you are as good as dead while still living but the moment you repent and receive Christ as your Lord and personal Saviour, you enter into life and have life in abundance.

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HOW DO WE ENTER INTO THIS LIFE OF ABUNDANCE

When I became born again some 52 years ago, I decided to go to God in prayers to know the key to maximizing life. The Lord took me to this scripture: "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" [2 Corinthians 9:6 KJV]. I kept praying to understand the meaning of this scripture and the Holy Spirit spoke to me saying "IT IS WHAT YOU PUT INTO LIFE THAT YOU WILL GET OUT OF IT." If you put much into life you will get much out of life and vice versa. After the encounter, I determined to give my best and my all to life and people thought I was crazy and called me all sort of names. Soon after, I went into full time ministry and moved to the North when it became clear that God wants me to go up north and

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start His work there. When I arrived, I started preaching the Gospel everywhere and in the course of time All Christian Fellowship Mission was birthed.

To experience this life in abundance, we have to do what Paul did in Philippians 3: 11 – 16:

"So whatever it takes, I will be one who lives in the fresh newness of life of those who are alive from the dead. I don't mean to say I am perfect. I haven't learned all I should even yet, but I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ saved me for and wants me to be... but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead... the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us..." [TLB] Paul already had the life of Christ in him but how would he have this life of abundance? The more he knows Him; the more he lives in the newness of life. How far we are willing to go with God, will determine our enjoyment of this abundance of life; the greater the sacrifice the greater the blessing.

"Later on, God tested Abraham's faith and obedience" [Genesis 22: 1 – 12]. After what Abraham went through before having a son, God still required Abraham to sacrifice his son to Him. Many of us would have said this is not God; it is the handy work of the devil and would do everything to resist it. Abraham, when he got to the place of sacrifice, bound Isaac and lifted up his

sword to sacrifice him. At that moment God spoke from heaven acknowledging Abraham's love and blessed him: "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven... and as the sand which is upon the sea shore... And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

When we talk about experiencing life in all its fullness we are referring to the example of Solomon. 1 Kings 3: 3 – 13, it started with the words "Solomon loved the Lord..." It was out of the love that Solomon had for the Lord that he made an unequalled sacrifice – a thousand burnt offerings that shook heaven and God said to Solomon what do you want me to do for you? From Solomon's request, you will know that his motive was not for material blessings but out of genuine love for God and deep appreciation for His mercies on him and his family. In Solomon's place, some of us would have asked for the whole Africa not just Nigeria! But Solomon only requested for wisdom to govern his people aright. In return God granted him his request and went on to give him what he did not ask for. If we would only act like Solomon, the Lord would do same for us. We have to be willing to pay any price to put smiles on the face of God in order to experience life in all its fullness.

Again, II Corinthians 8: 1 – 7 say, "Now I want to tell you what God in his grace has done for the churches in Macedonia. Though they have been going through much trouble and hard times, they have mixed their wonderful joy with their deep poverty, and the result has been an overflow of giving to others. They gave not only what they could afford but far more... They begged us to take the money so they could share in the joy of helping the Christians in Jerusalem. Best of all, they went beyond our highest hopes, for their first action was to dedicate themselves to the Lord" [TLB].

This is a church that was going through very hard and difficult times but decided to be the first church to send relief when they heard that there was famine in Jerusalem. The Apostles said to them you have nothing why disturb yourselves, but they begged them to allow them support the church in Jerusalem. The Bible records that they gave much more than they had and so Paul commended them and use them as an example of what other Christians should be doing.

Other examples of how to live the abundant life are found in John 12: 1 – 8, where "... Mary took a jar of costly perfume made from essence of nard, and anointed Jesus' feet with it and wiped them with her hair..." [TLB]. Jesus said this thing Mary did will be told of her anywhere this Gospel is preached. She did it in appreciation for what Jesus had done by raising Lazarus from the dead. Judas Iscariot called it a waste of resources; but Jesus had to shut

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him up. There is nothing we do for the kingdom of God that is a waste; no price is too great to pay if you consider what He did for us through Christ to bring us salvation.

In conclusion, let us consider one other example in the book of Exodus 35: 4 – 9, 20 – 22; 36: 4 – 7: Then Moses said to all the people, "This is what the Lord has commanded: All of you who wish to, all those with generous hearts, may bring these offerings to Jehovah... But finally the workmen all left their task to meet with Moses and told him, "We have more than enough materials on hand now to complete the job!" So Moses sent a message throughout the camp announcing that no more donations were needed... the people were restrained from bringing more! [TLB] Moses gave a command to stop people from further giving towards the building of the tabernacle of God! In other words they were pressing to give more but had to be restrained. Why have I cited these examples? It is because we believe God to change the mentality of All Christians Fellowship Mission members all over the world and to give us understanding to live life in a way that attracts abundance.

The richest life any man can live is to use whatever they have to make impact, advance the kingdom of God and help people. We came into this life with nothing and we shall go with nothing. God wants us to live our lives anchored on the attitude of thanksgiving for His mercies, salvation and goodness and become generous to a fault! God does not want us to neglect our responsibilities but in taking care of our obligations we must live a generous life; that is the key to abundant living. May God help us to embrace this and live life to the max to the glory of God.

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