



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

**PASTOR IN CHARGE
Resident Pastor**
08033141485

MON - FRI

1

OUR VISION

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

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.

3

2023 MEMORY VERSE

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

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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.**

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WEEKLY MEMORY VERSE

Do not let this happy trust in the Lord die away, no matter what happens. Remember your reward!
Hebrews 10:35 LB

ANNOUNCEMENT

- 19 SUNDAY 19TH MARCH, 2023**
Celebration Service
Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion.
Time: 9:00 AM.
All Youths should wait after service for a brief meeting.
Good news, Good news, Our monthly evangelism resumes today
Time: 4:30pm
Venue: All our small group centres.
Gather together by 4:30pm pray and go out and preach in your locality.
And report back in our small group fellowship platform, the number that came and any report from the evangelism.
All our small group leaders or their assistants to collect our decision cards and gospel tracts, beside the ushers stand after the service.
God bless you as we obey the great commission.
- 20 MONDAY 20TH MARCH, 2023**
ACFM Maitama general women's fellowship meeting comes up
Time: 5pm
Venue: Cathedral of compassion
All women are encouraged to be in attendance.
- 21 TUESDAY 21ST MARCH, 2023**
Bible Study
Manual: Be the Change You Want To See
Previous Study: Be Helpful
Topic: Be honest
Page: 77-78
Time: 6:00pm. (Or as agreed by the various centers)
Venues: All Small Group Centers.
- 23 THURSDAY 23RD MARCH, 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.
- 25 SATURDAY 25TH MARCH, 2023**
Church Sanitation
Mercy/Peace group, Sanitation Group C and the Youth Fellowship All (Tribes).

Joining of Holy Matrimony between Bro. John Onu and Sis. Iroegbunam Nwaneka Elizabeth I.
Time: 10:00am.
Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion

Joining of Holy Matrimony between Bro. Joseph Ikenna Ohajekwe and Sis. Abiola Janet Ezekiel
Time: 10:00am.
Venue: Living Faith Church Pegi, Kuje Abuja
- 26 SUNDAY 26TH MARCH, 2023**
Ahead
Project offering

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

STANDING ON THE PROMISES

1. Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Chorus

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

MARCH

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OVERCOMING CHALLENGING TIMES

LUKE 8: 22 - 25

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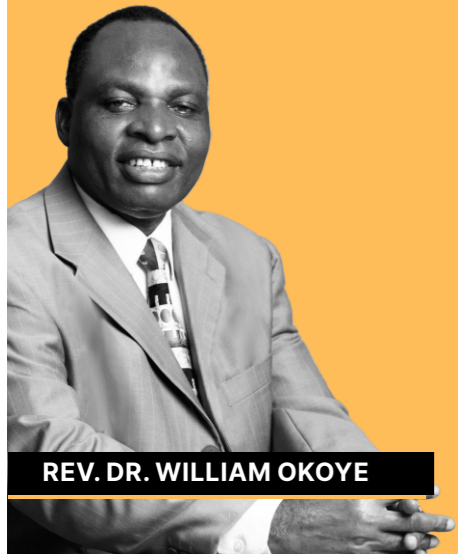
aired on **Wazobia Max Channel 259 (DSTV)** Sundays 2:00PM



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on our Online Channels Sundays 9:00AM



REV. DR. WILLIAM OKOYE

From the text above, we could see a similarity between what we are passing through today in the world and what the disciples of Jesus went through. God knows the challenges we face as Christians, as a country, community and families and as a church but He is mightier than the situation. Jesus asked the disciples "Where is your faith?" In other words; faith is palpable, touchable and does not operate in a vacuum; it needs something to work upon. If there are no challenges faith is useless. Psalms 93: 4 - 5 says, **"The lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea. Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house, Oh lord, forever"** [KJV]. When men see us succeeding in the midst of the challenges of life that is a pointer to them that there is a God at work in our lives and thus, they will be persuaded to identify with our God and serve Him. Jeremiah 10: 10 says, **"But the Lord is the true God, He is the living God, and an everlasting king; at His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide His indignation [KJV].** We are made to understand that God is the true God and He holds the key to our lives. Therefore in the midst of challenges and the trials of life, this God stands with us. The world is overwhelmingly bedeviled with violent attacks in form of storms, tribulations, tempest, trials, traumas and temptations but the assurance we have in the midst of all these is that the God of all impossibilities is with us as rightly declared in our 2023 theme.

EXAMPLES OF SOME OF THE THINGS THAT ARE CHALLENGING US NOW

When we say challenging times, we can rightly affirm that it is a time of storm, crisis, difficulty, anxiety, a time of stress, period of irritation, unpleasantness, hardship, burdens, suffering, predicament, grief, sadness, travail and fear. How do we overcome in such bleak times as these? When we don't know where to turn to, the solution is to turn to God. Because God is over and above

everything else and so He is there to preside over every situation. Underneath us is the everlasting arm of God to ensure nothing affects us negatively. God is alive and He will not fail us. There are unavoidably storms that hit one unannounced. In Job 14: 1, the Bible records: **"Man that is born of a woman is of a few days and full of trouble"** [KJV]. What that means is that as we are born into this world, we are bound to face some challenges and so it is not a strange thing when challenges do come to us; it is universal irrespective of your location, colour, race and belief. The only solution to these challenges is in GOD and He is waiting for us to run to Him. Challenging times are unanticipated and unprepared issues of life hence; we may not have control over them. Challenging times take us by surprise but in the face of this God will not forget us. The world is looking at Christians to

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provide solution to all these travails of life [Romans 8: 22 - 23 KJV]. 2 Corinthians 4: 8 say, **"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the lord Jesus, that the life also of Christ might be made manifest in our body"** [KJV]. These issues of life do not have respect for any individual. The good news for us in this time of crises is that when trouble comes, Jehovah that sees and knows will prevail for us [1 Corinthians 10: 13 KJV]. Like our Daddy often says; **"God is real no matter how you feel about Him; circumstances cannot change the character of God."** God is not just a Thermometer, He is equally a Thermostat; the Thermometer is used in measuring temperature but the Thermostat regulates the weather. God is regulating our lives as individuals and as a church. He knows what the church faces at the

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moment and so He is going to attend to our situation.

HOW DO WE MANAGE CHALLENGING TIMES:

1. SEE THE POSITIVE SIDE OF EVERY CHALLENGE;

"It is not an easy road, we're travelling to heaven, many are the thorns on the way" was the song we sang many years back when one gave his or her life to Christ. But today, the song has been changed to; "Express is the way to heaven, there is no challenge." If that is true then of what use is the sacrifice and suffering of Christ to us? To be like Christ is having the character and the nature of Christ. We are transformed by troubles, meaning that if we must have the character of Christ; troubles are some of the things we will pass through. These troubles will not overwhelm us but we will receive help from God. The things we are passing through are light afflictions compared to the Glory that is before us. God has undisclosed purpose behind every problem in life; He uses circumstances to develop our character and faith even more than when we read the Bible. If there are no problems in the

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life of a Christian, the fruits of the spirit will not include patience. Prayer goes beyond the superficial to authenticity when we know we are facing challenges [1 Peter 4: 12]. We will never know that God is all we need until God is all you got. Every problem is a character building opportunity; they are for building spiritual muscles and moral fibers. If we don't carry heavy weights we will not develop muscles and challenges are our heavy weights.

2. TRUST IN THE ASSURANCE DELIVERANCE PROMISE OF GOD:

No challenges will terminate our lives, it will rather renew our lives and so rest on the assurances of God's word and He is going to keep us in Jesus' name. [Job 14: 7 - 9, 5: 19 - 27 KJV].

EXAMPLES OF PEOPLE GOD DELIVERED IN THEIR CHALLENGING TIMES

1. Job. Although Job was faithful in serving God but he had challenges in his lifetime that no one could understand. In the end the Bible tells us that the Lord turned the captivity of Job and his end was better than the beginning.
2. The city of Samaria: Samaria was besieged, no one could come into the city or go out of the city. But God who is able to change situation overnight came through and turned around the situation of the country. In the midst of poverty and famine God is going to give us surplus in Jesus name [2 Kings 7: 1 - 20 KJV].
3. Others like Daniel, Paul, Peter, etc. are examples that God can deliver even in times of challenges.

KEYS WE MUST ENGAGE FOR OUR DELIVERANCE

1. Ensure that Jesus is in your boat; Psalm 124: 1 - 8 [KJV]. Each time God wants us to cross to the other side of life, the devil is always in between to hinder us.
2. Recognize that God never sleeps, He commands the wind to stop and it obeys; we need not fear.
3. Have faith, don't doubt and by the grace of the Almighty God we are more than conquerors.

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