



# COMPASSION DIGEST

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF ALL CHRISTIANS FELLOWSHIP MISSION

THEME OF THE YEAR

# GOD OF ALL IMPOSSIBILITIES

JEREMIAH 32:27 KJV

APRIL

## ANNOUNCEMENT

- 16 SUNDAY 16TH APRIL 2023**  
**Celebration Service**  
 Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion.  
 Time: 9:00 AM.  
  
 General Church Evangelism comes up today  
 Time: 4:30pm  
 Venue: All our small group centres.
- 17 MONDAY 17TH APRIL 2023**  
**ACFM Maitama** general women's fellowship meeting comes up  
 Time: 5pm  
 Venue: Multipurpose Hall  
 Old and new members are encouraged to be in attendance.  
  
**Men's General Meeting**  
 Time: 5:00pm.  
 Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion.
- 18 TUESDAY 18TH APRIL 2023**  
**Bible Study**  
 Manual: Be the Change You Want To See  
 Previous Study: Be kind  
 Topic: Be Merciful  
 Page: 85-86  
 Time: 6:00pm. (Or as agreed by the various centers)  
 Venues: All Small Group Centers.
- 20 THURSDAY 20TH APRIL 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.
- 22 SATURDAY 22ND APRIL 2023**  
**Church Sanitation**  
 Joy group, Sanitation Group C and the Youth Fellowship All (Tribes).  
  
**Joining of Holy Matrimony** Sis. Blessing Chinaemelum Okafor & Bro. Peter Chibuzo Nwoye  
 Time: 10:00am.  
 Venue: ACFM Cathedral of Compassion
- 24 MONDAY 24TH APRIL 2023**  
**Ahead**  
 2nd National Prayer and Fasting (14 Days)  
 Date: Mon 24th April – Sun. 7th May, 2023

## CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

### JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
 Does its successive journeys run;  
 His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
 Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. From north to south the princ-es meet  
 To pay their hom-age at His feet;  
 while west-ern empires own their Lord,  
 And sav-age tribes at-tend His word.
3. To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
 And endless praises crown His head;  
 His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
 With every morning sacrifice.
4. People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
 Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
 And infant voices shall proclaim  
 Their early blessings on His name. A-MEN

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## 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

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## OUR VISION

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

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## 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.

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## 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

During the forty days after his crucifixion he appeared to the apostles from time to time, actually alive, and proved to them in many ways that it was really he himself they were seeing. And on these occasions he talked to them about the Kingdom of God  
**Acts 1:3 LB**



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**NOTES**

**THE GATES OF HELL SHALL NOT PREVAIL**

**MATTHEW 16: 13 - 19**  
 REV. (DR.) WILLIAM OKOYE



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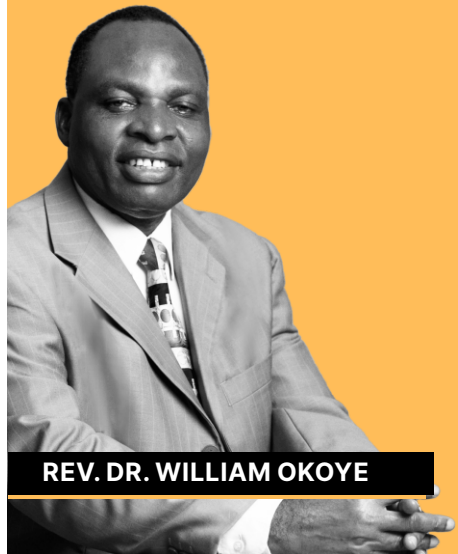
**Kapital FM 92.9** - Sundays 6:30AM  
**Wazobia FM 99.5** - Saturdays 2:00AM



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



**LIVESTREAM** on our Online Channels Sundays 9:00AM



**REV. DR. WILLIAM OKOYE**

**W**hen Jesus came to Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who are the people saying I [a]m?" "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; some, Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." Then he asked them, "Who do you think I am?" Simon Peter answered, "The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." "God has blessed you, Simon, son of Jonah," Jesus said, "for my Father in heaven has personally revealed this to you—this is not from any human source. You are Peter, a stone; and upon this rock I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; whatever doors you lock on earth shall be locked in heaven; and whatever doors you open on earth shall be open in heaven!" [Mathew 16:1-19 TLB]

Our opening text is the exact words of Jesus Christ Himself. Diverse people have interpreted this scripture differently; some believe that Jesus Christ said Peter is the rock on which the church will be built and as a result, the gates of hell will not prevail against it. According to the Bible, this is because the name Peter means, "rock." But what Jesus was saying here is that the church will be built on Peter's confession: "The Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God." So Jesus said, "Upon this rock [Christ the rock] I will build my church; and all the powers of hell shall not prevail against it."

If the church's foundation were built on Peter, the gate of hell would have prevailed after Peter died and did not come back to life. However, because Jesus Christ is the foundation upon which the church is built, He triumphantly arose after He was crucified. As a result, the church is unconquerable. I've said it in the pasts that, the devil can only go as far as God allows him. God has control over the devil. As a child of God, living in the light of the word of God and doing things exactly the way God wants them done, the only reason things will not go in the direction you expect is because God's sovereignty is

involved. There is something God knows about the situation and He will handle it differently. Aside from that, He is the Almighty God and no devil is strong enough to thwart God's purposes, whether in your life, business, nation, or in the world.

If those who killed Jesus knew that they were aiding in the fulfilment of God's purpose, they would not have done so [Matthew 27: 62 - 66, 28]. But they thought, in their ignorance that they were exercising their power and there was nothing anyone, including God, could do about it. They went so far because God permitted it. As we celebrate Easter, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, amidst what is going on in our country today; I am reminded that the gate of hell shall not prevail against the church. Some have argued that now that "Nigeria has ended," we

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finally have the opportunity to make this country what we want it to be. This is a complete lie! The gates of hell will not defeat Nigeria.

The most critical season in the Christian calendar is Easter. Everything else in the church is secondary. This is the crux of the matter because sin is what separates humanity from God. When Adam and Eve ate from the forbidden tree, their disobedience brought calamity to the human race and souls were separated from God for eternity in hell. God, in His infinite love and mercy, came down in the person of His son Jesus to take our place on the cross and die that death for us, in order to make a living way for us to be restored to God; but only if we repent of our sins and ask for forgiveness in order not to violate His word, which says, "The soul that sinneth shall die" [Ezekiel 18: 20]. That is why the Bible says, "As many as received him, to them gave he

power to become the sons of God..." [John 1: 12].

Before anything else, we must first address the issue of sin in our lives. All of life's problems stem from sin: sickness, scarcity, misery etc. If you address the issue of sin in your life, your relationship with God would be restored, then you will be able to ask God for anything and expect God to answer your prayer. However, asking God to bless you or meet your needs when you are not prepared to serve Him is the same as asking God to give you more strength to serve the devil. And you know God would not do so.

The doctrine of Christ's resurrection is central to Christianity [1Corinthians 15: 12 - 22]. For our justification, Christ died, was buried and rose again. Someone defined justification as "just as if you had never sinned." That is why the Bible says, "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away..." [2Corinthians 5:17]. As a result, Christ's resurrection represents Christ's victory over Satan and his kingdom, as well as the triumph of light over darkness. Given what is happening in Nigeria, the resurrection of Christ indicates to me that the triumph of evil over good is always short-lived. So, if evil appears to be enveloping our nation right now, it is only temporary. Why? Because, light and truth will always win over darkness.

**An excerpt from an unknown writer's Eater's rendition says:**

*It's Friday. Jesus is praying. Peter's a sleeping. Judas is betraying. But Sunday's comin'!  
 It's Friday. Pilate's struggling. The council is*

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*conspiring. The crowd is vilifying. They don't even know That Sunday's comin'!  
 It's Friday. The world's winning. People are sinning. And evil's grinning.  
 It's Friday. The soldiers nail my Savior's hands To the cross. They nail my Savior's feet to the cross. And then they raise him up Next to criminals. It's Friday. But let me tell you something Sunday's comin'!  
 It's Friday. The disciples are questioning. What has happened to their King. And the Pharisees are celebrating That their scheming Has been achieved. But they don't know It's only Friday. Sunday's comin'!  
 It's Friday. He's hanging on the cross. Feeling forsaken by his Father. Left alone and dying Can nobody save him? Ooooh It's Friday. But Sunday's comin'!  
 It's Friday. The earth trembles. The sky grows dark. My King yields his spirit.  
 It's Friday. Hope is lost. Death has won. Sin has conquered and Satan's just a laughin'!  
 It's Friday. Jesus is buried. A soldier stands guard. And a rock is rolled into place. But it's Friday. It is only Friday. Sunday is a comin'!  
 Wait for the surprise package, Sunday is comin'!*

Our country has never been in greater danger than it is right now. Unless God intervenes, the country is on the verge of a major disaster. The devil's agents are overjoyed. I couldn't believe it when I saw the barbaric display of occultism in broad daylight in the streets of Port Harcourt and Lagos during the last election, glorifying and magnifying the devil. I wondered how a nation so saturated with Christianity for this long could still be doing this in this day and age? There is no doubt that darkness is attempting to engulf our country and some people are boasting about their occult abilities while calling evil good. As God's servant, I stand on the authority of God's word to declare that the gates of hell shall not prevail. They will not succeed in their plans to take over the church and the nation. In the end, righteousness will triumph and light will triumph. Nigeria cannot be Satan's. Nigeria will experience a great revival. "Sunday has come!"

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