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Foreword

It is with great joy and spiritual anticipation that we present this powerful message, *Engaging the Power of Dedication*, delivered by Bishop Thomas Aremu at the **SHILOH 2025: Breaking New Grounds – Hour of Visitation, Day 2**. This sermon captures the heartbeat of a Spirit-led ministry committed to raising believers who are not just hearers of the Word, but doers—those willing to dedicate their lives fully to God’s purposes.

In this message, Bishop Aremu unpacks the transformative principle of dedication, showing how wholehearted commitment, persistence, and deliberate action unlock God’s supernatural blessings. Through vivid illustrations and personal testimonies, he demonstrates that every seed sown in faith, every act of obedience, and every moment of perseverance carries the potential to impact generations, transform communities, and usher in divine visitation.

Readers will encounter a sermon that is both practical and prophetic—guiding you to move beyond half-hearted efforts and embrace the fullness of what God has prepared for your life. As you meditate on these truths, may your spirit be stirred to rise in deadly commitment, pursue excellence, and engage the power of dedication to break new grounds in your personal, spiritual, and kingdom journey.

It is my prayer that every reader will be inspired, challenged, and equipped to respond to God with renewed zeal, and that the impact of this message will continue to reverberate in your life long after Shiloh 2025 has ended.

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- Chief Editor, LivingSermons

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Opening Charge

Please put your hands together for Jesus and comfortably take your seat. Give Him another big shout of *Hallelujah!* Somebody who is set to break new ground, shout a louder *Hallelujah!*

Amen.

Very shortly this morning, the Word will be coming.

Nothing gets broken in life without the engagement of a tool. As it is in the natural, so it is in the supernatural. To break new grounds, we need an instrument. And the instrument for breaking new grounds in the realm of the supernatural is the Word of God.

In **Jeremiah 23:29**, He said:

“Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

Chapter One

Engaging the Power of Dedication

It is your turn to break new ground, in the name of Jesus Christ. Put your hands together for the Lord and please be seated. It is a great privilege to be asked to deliver this Word of life in this holy assembly, and I do not take it for granted. I appreciate my father in the Lord for this privilege. I believe that out of the much we have learned, a few will be delivered to enforce your visitation, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Remember, this is the **Hour of Visitation**. Everything answers to His name — Hour of Visitation. The hour that God is ready to visit you for what you desire next in your destiny; to open a new chapter unto you.

Beat your chest and say, “God will surely visit me.”

Say it louder.

Say it with all your fibre.

Amen. And as you have said before the Lord, so shall it be — in the name of God the Father, and of the Son, and by the power of the Holy Ghost.

God’s Visitation Terminates Frustration

God’s visitation is what terminates earthly frustration. Wherever you have been frustrated, after this hour of visitation, that frustration will come to an end. It also terminates satanic devastation. When God fixes it, whatever the devil has done over the years or over the decades will be

terminated. I do not know what he has done or what he is doing now, but I command that with this visitation, everything he has done will be undone. He said He will undo all that afflict us. No more affliction after this visitation, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Engaging the Power of Dedication

I am privileged to bring a Word on the subject: **Engaging the Power of Dedication.**

Say it with me: *Engaging the power of dedication.*

I like that word *engaging*. It is an active word. Put it into action. Run with it. Add it to what you have known before and do it better than what you were doing before.

What Is Dedication?

Let me first give a few definitions of dedication as I see it from God's perspective. Dedication is tireless commitment in whatever has been committed to your hand — your God-ordained assignment. It is not just being committed to the wrong things. Some people are very zealous, going the way God has not sent them. That is not dedication.

Dedication, as God's servant has described over the years — and it is true — is deadly commitment.

Paul said:

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me...”

(Galatians 2:20)

Deadness to self, aliveness to God, to get His purpose fulfilled. It is unquenchable zeal with passion, leading to uncommon drive in order to generate uncommon results.

The Undoing of Half-Heartedness

Half-heartedness is the undoing of many believers. You never see them pouring themselves into what they are doing. They do not go far. They even say, “I know what I’m doing; I don’t go far like that.” “I just do the little I can.”

The little they can makes them the little they are. They have limited God — though God has generously poured into their lives.

Outpouring of yourself to your task and to the blessing of humanity is what makes you dear to God. God is all about people. Most times, the task He gives you beautifies humanity, improves things around us, and advances the gospel.

The moment you do it half-heartedly, you will not go as far as He wants you to go. Somebody may have everything, but the dedication is not there. You want God to do something, but God will not go beyond your dedication to Him. The one He committed to your hand yesterday, you have not yet started — and you want another one.

You want the next level, but you are still busy with procrastination. But I believe on this Shiloh ground, whatever has held us down from going all out for God — all out for what He has asked us to do — shall be buried upon this mountain, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Dedication Is a Choice

Permit me to say this for our understanding:

Dedication is not a gift.

It is not a calling.

There is no ministry called “the ministry of dedication.”

Dedication is a choice — a deliberate choice to get something done with better results. It is an asset of inestimable value.

In **Deuteronomy 30:19**, He said:

“I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”

Life is full of choices. You can choose to be lukewarm, or you can choose to be dedicated. You can choose to go far, or you can choose to be moderate — limiting yourself, moderating what God has asked you to do. If you are not all out for God, He is not all out for you.

Our life is expected to be sown as a seed. A seed is known for deliberate commitment to the earth. That is where its buoyancy lies. If it is not ready to be committed to the earth and undergo all the stages, it cannot generate value.

We are the seed of Abraham.

“And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Galatians 3:29)

Until we are dedicated, we abide alone. We have the power to be dedicated if we choose to. It is no longer in the hands of God — it is in our hands.

Paul: A Pattern of Dedication

Paul said:

“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.” (Philippians 3:7)

And again:

“Brethren, be followers together of me...” (Philippians 3:17)

Paul remains a typical example of dedication.

Our level of fruitfulness is a function of our dedication to Christ and to the interests of the Kingdom. You will not see fruit from a seed you have not planted. You want a miracle — have you sown a miracle seed?

You want the supernatural — how is your relationship with the supernatural?

We are supernatural beings, yet we remain in the natural realm as long as we take it easy. Even matters that concern people personally — they cannot dedicate themselves to one day of prayer and fasting. The matter is their own matter, yet they procrastinate. If you give yourself to dedication, you will see divine intervention even before you call for it, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Chapter Two

The Lord Working with the Dedicated

“And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following.” (Mark 16:20)

It is those who are on the go that connect with the supernatural. The Lord was working with them.

He does not work with the seated.

He does not work with the lukewarm.

He does not work with the procrastinator.

Everything moves with a mover. Everything you see working has a worker behind it. Grace does not work outside labour and full dedication.

Paul said:

“But by the grace of God I am what I am... but I laboured more abundantly than they all...” (1 Corinthians 15:10)

You need grace to labour — but you must labour. The two working together will take you to where you are going with God.

The Master Key to the Topmost Top

You want to be more fruitful. You want greater results. You want your head lifted among your contemporaries. Dedication is the master key to the topmost top. There is nowhere you are destined to be in God that you will not reach if there is sustainable dedication.

That is what I see happening to you from Shiloh 2025 — upward and forward, in the name of Jesus Christ.

What Must Be Left Behind

Peter said:

“Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.” (Mark 10:28)

Jesus responded:

“There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel’s,
But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time...” (Mark 10:29–30)

Something must be left before you gain the order. What has Christianity cost you?

If it costs you nothing, it will hand you nothing. After repentance, what are the fruits? One of the fruits of repentance is another level of dedication — from faith to faith, with remarkable commitment to what God has commanded.

The Dedicated Create Time

Some people are unmoved by the drive for Kingdom advancement. They say they do not have time. The dedicated also do not have time — but they create it. Whatever must be done, and God is asking you to do it, and it is part of your assignment — you sacrifice to do it.

There is nothing too big for the dedicated to sacrifice.

When God’s servant sent me on assignment to Ibadan, I still wonder how I survived. But God stands behind the dedicated. He sustains him. I would cry by His grace for the souls of the city — 1:00 a.m., 2:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m. — commanding what should happen before the day breaks.

That is dedication. And when there is dedication, visitation is inevitable.

Supernatural Backup Through Dedication

One day, I was led to face the University of Ibadan in the spirit. I declared, “Everyone that matters in the University of Ibadan, begin to come to this church in the night.” I began to mention their names — the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, the Bursar, the Director of Works, the Director of Computer Services.

I began to mention them. It looked like a joke. But that is the supernatural backup. Suddenly, the Registrar came. The Deputy Registrar came. The Deputy Vice Chancellor, regarded as a troubleshooter, came to meet me. The Deputy Vice Chancellor himself started coming for our seminars. I did not go there physically, but in the spirit I warred and pressed towards heaven — and heaven released what was demanded.

The Cost of Intercession

After some time, I discovered that my hands would cleave to the microphone after preaching. I did not understand what was happening. If they asked me for my blood group, I would just say “AA” because I liked that word. So I called one of our doctors and said, “Sometimes when I finish preaching, I find it difficult to remove my hands from the microphone.”

He began to ask me questions. “How many times do you urinate?”

I said, “Once I leave the house, I do not urinate until I return.”

He said, “No, no, no — you do not have diabetes?”

He took some blood to check my sugar level. All these things I did not understand, because I had been absolutely on divine healing. When the results came, they said my sugar level was so low they did not know how I was still standing — that I was supposed to collapse. All the sugars had

been burned on the altar of intercession. The doctor said, “Wait — this is too serious. You must take a bottle of malt immediately.”

But I was not feeling weak. I was excited. That is what God can do.

Chapter Three

The Potential of a Seed

Hear this: The potential of a seed when sown is unfathomable. And remember, you are a seed.

“A seed shall serve him; it shall be accounted to the Lord for a generation.” (Psalm 22:30)

You offer yourself to God as a seed — that is dedication. Within a seed lies a plantation. A seed may be tiny — some must be seen under a microscope. But when it is planted, when it is sown, tomorrow you can have a whole plantation.

And who does not want a plantation?

Within the seed is the sacrifice dimension. Within the seed is the harvest of a plantation. Once there is a plantation, there is employment for multitudes. The productivity can be processed for export. That tiny seed now becomes exportable material across waters. Processing requires more labour. More people are involved. More people benefit. Humanity is blessed.

The product leads to sustainable profit. What then happens to the sower?

He increases in profile.

He becomes renowned.

He becomes celebrated.

Dedication today leads to celebration tomorrow. When you make your life a seed unto God in true dedication, you carry the potential to impact generations — to impact nations.

From Least to Greatest

Look at Paul the Apostle. He said he was not qualified to be called an apostle because he persecuted the Church of God.

Yet he declared:

“But by the grace of God I am what I am...” (1 Corinthians 15:10)

The least of you today can become the greatest of you tomorrow — if you put in dedication. You are loaded with God-given potential. Multitudes are loaded with talents. But potential must be coupled with dedication in order to produce credentials.

Nobody celebrates potential alone — except the one who knows it.

“Do you know I can do this?”

“Do you know I have this gift?”

You keep talking until life drifts by and nothing is produced. That will not be you again, in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Extra That Makes the Extraordinary

You are loaded with unlimited potential. Dedication drives you to extra input. Between the ordinary and the extraordinary is a little extra.

Go further.

Contribute more.

Sacrifice more.

I have not seen anyone become anything without sacrifice.

What is sacrifice?

Going the extra mile.

Attempting what others are not ready to dare.

Daring the impossible.

Dedication makes you dare the impossible. And in the supernatural, when you dare the impossible, you do the impossible. A daring heart rises within you. With daring hands, you begin to attain things. After seeing the results, you even wonder why you attempted it at all. That is what dedication does — it drives you into what God can do, not just what you can do.

Obstacles: Raw Materials for Miracles

Anyone afraid to attempt greater works will settle into stagnation. And stagnation produces frustration. Hear this: The supernatural lies in your belly.

“Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.” (John 7:38)

But to stir it up requires the rod of the Word — from reading to meditation. Meditation leads to revelation. Revelation generates manifestation — which we call miracles. Things do not just happen. They are made to happen with God. Behind every miracle today was an obstacle confronted and tackled yesterday. Do not fear obstacles. They are raw materials for the production of miracles.

When challenges arise, do not panic. Recognise an opportunity for a fresh miracle to be born.

That challenge will drive you to the Word:

“What has God said about this?”

“What am I to do?”

“What will God do if I do what He has asked?”

But the undedicated dodges challenges.

David: The Power of High-Tech Dedication

If David had not confronted Goliath, history would have been different. It was high-tech dedication that moved a youth from the bush to confront a giant. From there, he was announced king over Israel. Up till today — over 3,000 years later — David is still celebrated in Israel.

The truly dedicated to God never truly die. Their work lives on. Their impact transcends generations. Look at Abraham. Look at what is happening to the generation of Israel today.

Dedication carries generational power.

Dedication Produces Creativity

To be truly dedicated is to be creative.

When you are in motion, inspiration flows.

“There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.” (Job 32:8)

You begin to access revelations. These become materials for the release of the supernatural.

The Language of the Dedicated

What is the language of a truly dedicated person?

It is one word: **Now.**

When others say, “We can do it next month,”
the dedicated says, “Why not now?”

When others speak impossibility,
the dedicated declares possibility.

Paul said:

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)

From now is the time to move forward.

Now is the time to generate better reports.

Now is the time to add extra input and make extra contribution.

Be all out to do the will of God from the heart.

A New Heart of Dedication

“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.” (Proverbs 4:23)

Dedication begins in the heart and flows into everything you do. When you are spiritually dedicated, it influences your career. It influences your material world. You begin to achieve what others could not achieve.

I see you making sustainable progress — reaching the topmost top — as you do the will of God from the heart, with zeal and passion, in Jesus’ holy name.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Stand on your feet. Lift up your two hands to heaven. Present a new you to God. “Lord, I have heard Your Word. By Your Word, I am breaking into new ground in dedication. Deliver me from lukewarmness. Deliver me from laziness. Help me to be fully dedicated to Your Word and to Kingdom advancement.

Let a new me emerge from Shiloh 2025 — with unquenchable zeal, deadly commitment to my divine assignment.”

In Jesus’ mighty name we have prayed.

Amen.

Put your hands together for the Lord as we welcome the praise team.

God bless you.

About the Speaker

Bishop Thomas Aremu was enlisted as a Full-Time Pastor in Living Faith Church Worldwide (Winners' Chapel) in May 1994. A chartered accountant by training, he responded to God's call into full-time ministry and was consecrated as a Bishop in November 1999 by Bishop David Oyedepo.

He has served in key leadership roles, including Vice President (Foreign Missions), Vice President Church Network, and Vice President Africa Mission. Bishop Aremu pioneered Living Faith Church Ibadan, growing it to 10,000 members in just four years. He also served as Senior Pastor and Regional Overseer in multiple branches across Nigeria, South Africa, and Ghana.

An anointed minister, Bishop Aremu is known for delivering people from all forms of oppression through the Word of God and fervent prayer. He is married to Pastor (Mrs.) Elizabeth Aremu, and together they are blessed with four children and seven grandchildren.

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