



# AWCI SERMON *Notes & Announcements*

**DATE:** July 20, 2025

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Nathan Chaplin

**SERMON TITLE:** John Q

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## KEY PASSAGE

**The Fight to Hold on to Faith in the Midst's of Adversity**

**Hebrews 10:38-39**

<sup>38</sup> And my righteous ones will live by faith. But I will take no pleasure in anyone who turns away.”<sup>39</sup> But we are not like those who turn away from God to their own destruction. We are the faithful ones, whose souls will be saved.

**Habakkuk 2:4**

Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith

## INTRODUCTION

**Sermon Summary:** This message teaches us that when adversity arises, we must not relinquish our confession of faith out of fear or uncertainty about the outcome. God has promised to provide for those who trust Him, just like Abraham, who was willing to offer his son Issac as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah. This act demonstrated God's faithfulness to those who walk by faith, and not by sight, even in moments of seemingly insurmountable trials.

## SERMON POINTS

**Point One:** The Calm Before the Storm: *Hold on to Your Faith Confession*

- There is power and unity in togetherness – **Hebrews 10:24-25**
- Devotion is foundational to Christian Learning, Living, and Connection – **Acts 2:42**
- Love is Action - **I John 3:18**
- Faith must be accompanied by action - **James 2:17, 21-22**

**Point Two:** The Storm: *Do Not Let Life Circumstances Change Your Faith Confession*

- Growing Pains – **James 1:2-4**
- Persevere until the end- **Hebrews 10:35-37**
- Job Worshipped – **Job 1:20-22**
- The Blessing of Endurance – **James 1:12**

**Point Three:** Aftermath of the Storm: *Choices Have Consequences*

- Make sure your ways are pleasing to God – **Proverbs 14:11-12**
- Fleshly pursuits are meaningless to God – **Ecclesiastes 2:10-11**
- Fateful Decision – **Genesis 3:6**
- God's Provision – **Genesis 22:13**

## BEYOND THE MESSAGE

### **PRINCIPLES FOR LIFE AND LIVING:**

**What do you do when you think you have run out of options?**

1. **Seek God's Guidance** – James 1:5  
<sup>5</sup> If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.
2. **Remember God's Faithfulness** – Lamentations 3:22-23  
<sup>22</sup> The faithful love of the Lord never ends!<sup>[a]</sup> His mercies never cease.<sup>23</sup> Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.
3. **Wait on the Lord** – Psalm 27:14  
<sup>14</sup> Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.
4. **Lean Not on Your Own Understanding** – Proverbs 3:5-6  
<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding.  
<sup>6</sup> Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

5. **Stand Firm in Faith** – Exodus 14:13

<sup>13</sup> But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again.

5. **Believe in God’s Provision** – Genesis 22:14

<sup>13</sup> Then Abraham looked up and saw a ram caught by its horns in a thicket. So he took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son (Issac).

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**WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS**

**Evangelism and Outreach – Fulfilling the Great Commission**

Father, we lift up the evangelistic mission of Agape Worship Center International. You have called us to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19-20). We pray for fresh passion and boldness in sharing the Gospel. Let our hearts burn with compassion for the lost and the broken. We declare that AWCi will be known as a soul-winning ministry where lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Restoration, Healing, and Unity in Marriages**

Lord, we pray for healing, restoration, and unity in every marriage connected to Agape Worship Center International. Your Word declares, “Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1). We declare that every home is built on the solid rock of Jesus Christ. We decree that AWCi families are strong, united, and thriving in Your presence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Covering for Children and Youth – Walking in Purpose and Protection**

Heavenly Father, we lift up every child and youth within Agape Worship Center International. Your Word declares, “Children are a heritage from the Lord, offspring a reward from Him” (Psalm 127:3). We decree divine protection over them, especially during the summer months.

**Financial Freedom and Debt Cancellation – Hope for the Future Campaign**

God, You are Jehovah Jireh, our Provider. We declare that the Hope for the Future Campaign will be fully funded, and the \$225,000 goal will be exceeded. We speak financial freedom and debt cancellation over this house. Open the windows of heaven and pour out a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it. We declare supernatural provision, favor, and financial breakthrough. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Revival, Repentance, Healing, and Deliverance – An Outpouring of the Holy Spirit**

Father, we cry out for revival! Your Word declares, “I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:28). We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Agape Worship Center International. Let repentance, healing, and deliverance flow in every service. We decree that strongholds are broken, chains are loosed, and captives are set free.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please note:** There are multiple ways to sign up for an event. You can scan the QR code, visit our website, or sign the signup sheet in the foyer under the event registration section.

**July 6<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>**- On Sundays in July, join us for “**Agape on the Big Screen**” as ministers and guests share God’s Word through movies that inspired them—don’t miss this unique experience!

**July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm-** Mark your calendars: In-person **Hour of Power returns**. Casual attire is encouraged throughout July. Come celebrate and praise God with us!

**July 27<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM & 11 AM Service-** Family & Friends Connect. There will be activities immediately after both services. This is an event the whole family can enjoy.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>: 6pm-8:30pm** Save The Date- **Back To School Bash**

**September 27<sup>th</sup> - Save The Date: Water Baptism**

**NEW HERE OR WANT TO LEARN MORE?**

Are you visiting us for the first time, or are you a member or regular attendee eager to get more involved or learn about our various ministries? Simply scan the QR code to fill out your Connect card online. It's a quick and convenient way to share your information and stay updated with everything happening.



**SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday School**

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.
- Scan QR Code to Sign Up & receive a digital copy of the Sunday School Book.



**THE FOLLOWING WILL RESUME IN AUGUST**

**Breakfast For Champions: Weekday Devotion & Prayer**

- Monday-Friday at 7 am
- Call In: 717-908-1690 Access Code: 577625

**Intercessory Prayer**

- Every 1st, 2nd, and 4th Monday at 6:30pm-7:30pm

**Virtual Midday Bible Study**

- Every Thursday at noon
- Call In: (470)869-2200 (US East)
- Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
- Virtual:meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202

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