



AWCI SERMON *Notes & Announcements*

DATE: July 20, 2025

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SERMON TITLE: Surrounded By the Enemy **BUT** God Delivered Me -Live to Tell the Story

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KEY PASSAGE

Key Passage: 2 Kings chapter 6: 15-18 NKJV

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

¹⁶ "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷ And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

¹⁸ As the enemy came down toward him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, "Strike this army with blindness." So, he struck them with blindness, as Elisha had asked.

INTRODUCTION

The "**Lone Survivor**" is a war film based on the true story of Marcus Luttrell, a Navy SEAL who is part of a mission in Afghanistan to capture a high-ranking Taliban leader. The mission encounters unexpected challenges, leading to a fierce battle. Despite being outnumbered and severely injured Marcus Luttrell and his team demonstrates incredible resilience. The film highlights themes of sacrifice, resilience, and perseverance, emphasizing the idea that even in the darkest moments, one is never truly out of the fight.

In the story of "**Lone Survivor**", we encounter a compelling testament to God's power to deliver His people even when they find themselves surrounded by the enemy. This narrative reminds us that, no matter how overwhelming the opposition may seem, our trust in God's sovereignty and His ability to provide rescue can turn despair into victory.

SERMON POINTS

Point 1: Stand on Your TRUTH

Romans 8:38-39

Point 3: The all-sufficient Christ, Jesus Christ is Sufficient for every problem in life.

- There is a purpose for the struggle. It is a process. Don't try to cheat the process!
- On the other side of the process is joy, peace, victory
- Beauty for ashes
- Joy for pain
- Peace for calamity

Psalms 46:10

John 16:33

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

- When surrounded by enemies, fear can grip us. But the prophet's declaration reminds us to shift our focus from the natural to the spiritual.
- God's power exceeds human strength. He can confuse, disable, and defeat the enemy even when we are outnumbered.
- Trust that God's deliverance may come in unexpected ways- Confusion, divine intervention, or spiritual victory. Recognize your situation, shift from fear to faith, ask God for spiritual sight, and trust in His power to deliver.
- Faith reveals the unseen. When our physical eyes are limited, ask God to help us see with spiritual eyes: His army is always present.

SERMON POINTS

Point 2: The Lord God will deliver

- Don't let the set-back stop you
- Elijah's servant panicked. Our posture should be that of prayer!
- Elijah's posture: Belief, Faith, Prayer

Psalm 3:3-4

Psalm 91:1-10

Philippians 4:6-7

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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 6th - Aug. 3rd - 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 16th 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 27th - 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 1st: 6pm-8:30pm Save The Date- **Back To School Bash**

September 27th - Save The Date: Water Baptism

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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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