



# AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

**DATE:** Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9am & 11am Service

**SPEAKER:** Bishop (Dr.) Vincent Collins

**SERMON SERIES:** SHIFT – A New Season of Divine Favor

**SERMON TITLE:** Try Again: Jesus Makes the Impossible Possible

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## INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE

**Luke 5:1–11-** 1 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around Him and listening to the word of God. 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him

### INTRODUCTION

As we come to the end of November and gather every generation—children, youth, adults, and seniors—into one service, God is speaking a word that reaches every level of life experience. Whether you're a child struggling with school or friendships, a teenager navigating identity and pressure, or an adult dealing with bills, relationships, career, and calling—God is speaking straight to the place where your nets feel empty. Peter and his fishing partners knew what it was like to try all night and come up empty. And that's exactly where Jesus meets them. Jesus doesn't wait until your life looks successful. He steps into your story while you are still washing the nets of disappointment. He steps into the places you are ready to walk away from. He moves toward people who feel weary, discouraged, or stuck. Jesus walks right onto the shore of your frustration and climbs into the boat you thought was finished.

### SERMON POINTS

#### **1. WHEN JESUS STEPS IN, EVERYTHING CAN CHANGE**

- Luke 5:3 — He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat.
- Psalm 46:1 — "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."
- John 15:5 — "Apart from Me you can do nothing."
- Ephesians 3:20 — God is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think.

No matter how empty your nets feel, Jesus steps into your situation. He meets you right where you are, not where you wish you were. His presence changes the atmosphere—He brings hope, strength, and a new perspective, even before the miracle arrives.

#### **2. ONE YES CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO BLESSINGS**

- Luke 5:4 — When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."
- Isaiah 1:19 — "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land."
- James 1:22 — "Be doers of the word, not hearers only."
- Proverbs 3:5–6 — Trusting God leads to straight paths.

It only takes one act of obedience—one "yes" to God's instruction—to unlock blessings beyond your imagination. Simon's willingness to try again, even after failure, opened the door to overflow. Your breakthrough may be waiting on your next step of faith.

#### **3. YOUR BLESSING IS BIGGER THAN YOU — IT LEADS TO PURPOSE**

- Luke 5:5–7 — Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because You say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.
- Matthew 4:19 — "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Ephesians 2:10 — You are created for good works God prepared ahead of time.
- Acts 1:8 — You will receive power to be witnesses.

God's blessings are never just for you—they are meant to overflow into the lives of others. The miracle in your life is an invitation to greater purpose. When you say "yes" to Jesus, you become part of His mission, reaching and blessing others for His kingdom.

## **BEYOND THE MESSAGE: APPLICATION**

When Jesus steps into the boat of your life, the circumstances around you may not shift immediately, but something inside you begins to change right away. Before the miracle ever touches your nets, it touches your heart. Jesus brings a new mindset, renewed strength, fresh hope, and quiet confidence long before you see physical results. That's why fruitfulness starts with surrender, not success. For children and youth, this means Jesus wants to be part of your everyday decisions—your friendships, your identity, your dreams, your attitude at school, and even the moments you feel alone or unsure. When Jesus steps in, He doesn't just change your situation—He changes your spirit, your focus, and your faith so you can face what comes next with strength you didn't know you had.

Obedience opens the pipeline of heaven in ways that talent, skill, and strategy never can. Peter's nets didn't overflow because he suddenly became a better fisherman—they overflowed because he said yes. This means the breakthrough you need may not be waiting on better conditions; it may be waiting on a surrendered heart. Obedience turns the handle that releases the flow of God's favor. It invites supernatural results into ordinary places. Heaven has always been full. The nets were always capable of carrying more. But your "yes" is what activates the overflow. When you obey God in faith, you position yourself to receive everything He has been waiting to pour into your life.

God's purpose always extends beyond personal blessing—it reaches outward into mission. The miracle that fills your life today may be the very thing God uses to reach hurting people tomorrow. Your healing becomes hope for the sick. Your breakthrough inspires the discouraged. Your transformation becomes a roadmap for someone still searching for theirs. Like a candle lighting another candle, your miracle was never meant to burn alone. When one flame touches another, the room grows brighter, and darkness loses its power. That's what God wants to do through you. When you say yes to God's purpose, your life becomes a torch that ignites revival in the lives of those around you.

### **NOTES**


### **We Need Your Help & Support With:**

#### **Agape Love Project Hurricane Relief for Jamaica**

Hurricane Melissa has devastated communities across Jamaica. Many families urgently need our help!

#### **The Following are Essential Items Needed for Donations:**

- Non-perishable food, Bottled water
- Hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, sanitary items)
- Blankets & bedding, Clothing & shoes
- Baby supplies (diapers, formula, wipes)
- First aid items, Flashlights & batteries
- Portable chargers & power banks
- Cleaning supplies (disinfectant, gloves, trash bags)
- Tarps & basic repair tools,
- Mosquito repellent & insect spray,
- Pet food & supplies

**For info:** Bro. Eureka Washington, or Dr. Samuel King

## **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.*

**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm-** Agape's Young Adult Ministry: Pins & Praise Party (*Bowling Event at Royal Z Lanes*). For more info. contact Sis. Essence Washington

**Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at 9am -12pm-** Money Matters: Practical Skills for Managing, Growing, and Protecting Your Wealth with Leo N. Scott Jr. (JR Scott), Former Vice President and Retail Banking Manager at Bank of America. Scan QR and sign up today.



**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> at 11 am** Service- Baby Dedication. Scan QR Code to Sign up today



**Dec.7<sup>th</sup>- at 5:00 pm -** Women's Ministry : Christmas Party/Ugly Sweater Event

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-** Christmas Cantata during the 9 am and 11 am service.

**Registration for the Jamaica Mission Trip** is currently open. For more information, contact Missionary Director, Dr. Samuel King.

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

### **Sunday School**

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.
- Scan QR Code to Sign Up
  - A digital copy of the Sunday School book will be sent to you.



### **Men's Ministry Meeting**

- Every 3rd Saturday at 8:30 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.
- More information: Contact Deacons Teddy Spence or Eureka Washington.

### **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 6:30 pm-7:30 pm

### **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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