



AWCI SERMON NOTE & Announcements

DATE: Dec 28th at 9am & 11am Service
SPEAKER: Bishop (Dr.) Vincent Collins
SERMON SERIES: “SHIFT: A Season of Supernatural Arrival”
SERMON TITLE: “ONE MORE STEP: FINISH STRONG, BELIEVE BIG”

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INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE

Joshua 4:1–7 (KJV) “And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,”
 “Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man,” “And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests’ feet stood firm, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging place, where ye shall lodge this night.” “Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man:” “And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel:” “That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?” “Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.”

INTRODUCTION

Big Idea

We are standing between what has been and what is coming. If something did not take place, it does not mean failure—it means unfinished business. We don’t end this year discouraged or defeated; we end confident because God does not abandon what He begins.

Key Scriptures (Support)

- Philippians 1:6 — “He who has begun a good work in you will perform it...”
- Isaiah 43:19 — “Behold, I will do a new thing...”
- Isaiah 55:8–9 — God’s ways and thoughts are higher than ours.
- Psalm 103:2 — “Bless the Lord... and forget not all His benefits.”
- Galatians 6:9 — Don’t grow weary; due season is coming.
- Ephesians 3:20 — God can do exceedingly abundantly above all.

Context (Joshua 4)

- Israel is at a turning point:
 - Moses is gone.
 - A new generation is stepping into leadership.
 - Forty years of wandering are ending.
 - The Promised Land is in sight.
- Before moving forward, God tells them to pause, turn back, and remember.
- The miracle wasn’t just about getting through the river—it was about preparing them for what came next.

Understanding the Unusual

- Natural perspective: unusual = rare, unexpected, unfamiliar.
- Spiritual perspective: unusual = God working beyond human patterns and predictable methods.

SERMON POINTS

1) Remember What God Has Already Done

Key line: Looking back doesn’t slow your future—forgetting does.

- Joshua 4:6–7 — The stones were a sign and a memorial.
- Psalm 103:2 — Don’t forget His benefits.
- Philippians 1:6 — If God started it, He intends to finish it.

Application: Build memorials in your life (testimonies, journals, stories, reminders) so faith has evidence when fear tries to speak.

2) Recognize That Crossing Doesn’t Mean Completion

Key line: God’s promises are received by faith, but they are possessed through obedience.

- Joshua 1:3 — Every place your foot treads, God has given.
- Philippians 3:12 — “Not as though I had already attained... but I follow after...”
- Galatians 6:9 — Keep going; harvest comes in due season.

Application: Progress is proof of God’s faithfulness—but don’t confuse progress with arrival.

Same God • Different Season • Ready for the Unusual (2026)

Position	Biblical Foundation	What It Means for 2026
1. Obedient Alignment	Joshua 4:3, 5 — “where the priests’ feet stood firm”	I stand where God tells me to stand—before I see results. Obedience precedes manifestation.
2. Forward-Focused Faith	Joshua 4:6–7; Philippians 3:13–14	I remember the testimony but move toward the promise. My past informs me—it does not define me.
3. Intentional Participation	Joshua 3:15–16; Hebrews 11:1	I take faith-steps before the water parts. This season responds to action, not passivity.

3) Step Forward Expecting More

- Joshua 1:3 — Step into what God already promised.
- Philippians 3:13 - 14 — Forget what's behind; press forward.
- Ephesians 3:20 — Expect God to exceed what you ask or think.

Application: Don't step into the next season with small expectations. Step forward believing God still has "one more" in store.

APPLICATION & EXHORTATION

Progress is not the same as completion. Crossing the Jordan did not mean Israel had arrived—it meant they were positioned to possess what God promised. Because God is not finished, there is still unfinished business—not because God failed, but because He is intentional.

What remains undone is not a burden; it is an invitation to believe bigger, trust deeper, and step forward with courage into what God has already prepared. We move into the next season confident that the same God who started the work will complete it in His time and in His way.

As we remember the prayers God answered, we also remember the seeds we have already sown. Some of what we are believing for is not new—it is harvest. Tears were planted. Obedience was sown. Sacrifices were made when no one was watching. Galatians 6:9 reminds us not to grow weary, because in due season we will reap if we do not faint.

Before we ask God for one more—one more blessing, one more breakthrough, one more open door—we pause to remember what He has already done. Israel carried stones as evidence that God made a way. In the same way, our lives are filled with answered prayers, opened doors, and sustaining grace. Remembering is not living in the past—it is anchoring our faith in truth.

This year ends, but God's assignment continues. The turning of the calendar does not cancel the call of God—it clarifies it. As we step into the new year, we step into ONE MORE:

- One more miracle God wants to perform
- One more soul God wants to reach
- One more breakthrough God wants to release

ONE MORE is not about striving harder; it's about surrendering deeper. It's the posture that says, "God, use me again." We believe beyond comfort, serve beyond convenience, and obey beyond familiarity—confident that the God who did it before is ready to do it again, greater, deeper, and with eternal impact.

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.

Dec. 31- Watchnight Service at 10 pm

Jan 1st- Read the Bible in a Year.

Scan QR code or visit the following site:

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/64913-we-believe-a-journey-of-faith-in-action>

Jan. 4th- 24th- 21 Days of Fasting and Prayer

Jan 7th-21st (Every Wednesday) - Sacred Seasons Revival at 6:30pm

Jan. 25th-28th- Winter 3- Night Revival- at 6:30pm

April 17-18- SCCOG Women's Conference

Early Registration \$50.00 (Until 1/26/25)

Regular Registration \$65.00 (After 1/26/25)

Walk In \$75.00 (After 3/16/26)

Scan QR code to sign up today or visit

<https://www.sccog.com/women2/>

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 (The Month of January Will be Pastor Led)

- 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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