



AWCI SERMON NOTE & Announcements

DATE: Jan. 11th, 2026 at 9am & 11am Service

SPEAKER: Bishop (Dr.) Vincent Collins

SERMON SERIES: “SHIFT: A Season of Supernatural Arrival”

SERMON TITLE: Intentional Worship That Unlocks the Unusual: My Worship Is For Real

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INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE

Primary Text: Genesis 22:1–14

Key Character: Abraham

Supporting References: Jacob — Genesis 28:10–22; Genesis 32:24–28

Big Idea:

We are in a season where God is calling us to be more focused and more deliberate in our walk with Him. This is not a time for rushed prayers, routine worship, or casual faith. Scripture reminds us: “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men” (Colossians 3:23–24, NKJV), and “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think...” (Ephesians 3:20, NKJV).

What God desires to release in this season will not happen by accident—it will happen through intentional obedience, focused worship, and surrendered faith, especially as we commit ourselves to prayer, fasting, and consecration.

This brings us to Genesis 22, one of the most powerful and challenging moments in the life of Abraham. Without explanation, God asked Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice. This was not about loss; it was about trust. God was testing Abraham’s heart—not because God needed proof, but because worship reveals priorities.

Abraham’s response was intentional—he rose early, prepared the wood, and moved toward the place God showed him (Genesis 22:3, NKJV). His worship was not emotional; it was obedient.

Today’s message is not just about Abraham—it’s an invitation to us. If we are willing to worship intentionally, trust God fully, and move toward Him with purpose, we position ourselves to experience the unusual move of God in our lives, our families, and our future.

SERMON POINTS

1) Intentional Worship Requires Total Surrender

Worship always begins with denial of self—not loss, but alignment.

- Early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he split the wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him” (Genesis 22:3, NKJV).
- “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service” (Romans 12:1, NKJV).
- “Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place?” Then he answers it plainly: “He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully” (Psalm 24:3–4, NKJV).

2) Intentional Worship Is Often Tested Before It Is Rewarded

Tests are not meant to disqualify us; they are meant to reveal the depth of our faith.

- “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’” (Genesis 22:1,
- My brothers and sisters, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. But let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing” (James 1:2–4).

Intentional Worship in the Struggle – Three Major Points (Chart Format)

MAJOR POINT	HOW OF WORSHIP (What Worship Looks Like)	HOW TO PUSH THROUGH (What to Do in the Struggle)	WHY IT MATTERS / RESULTS (What God Produces)
1. Worship Begins with Surrender, Not Circumstances	Abraham surrendered Isaac on the altar before seeing provision. Worship was obedience, not emotion or outcome.	Obey God even when it costs you and when you don’t understand the outcome. Stay faithful when fear and uncertainty try to take over.	God reveals Himself as Jehovah-Jireh , the Lord who provides. Provision is released at the point of surrender (Genesis 22:12–14).
2. Worship Is Sustained by Persistence During the Struggle	Jacob refused to let go of God during the night of wrestling, declaring he would not release God without a blessing.	Remain spiritually engaged—keep praying, fasting, and worshipping even when the season is long and exhausting. Don’t quit in the middle.	Persistent worship leads to transformation . Jacob received a new name, new identity, and a new future (Genesis 32:26–28).
3. Worship Produces Divine Encounters That Release Provision and Promise	Jacob’s encounter at Bethel turned a wilderness stop into holy ground. Abraham’s altar became a meeting place with God.	Shift your perspective and expect God to meet you in difficult places. Worship even when the ram is not visible yet.	Divine encounters release unusual provision and generational blessing . Obedience blesses both the present and the future (Genesis 22:16–18; Genesis 28:16–17).

3.) Intentional Worship Releases Unusual Provision

Worship unlocks access to what heaven has already arranged.

- “the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ So he said, ‘Here I am.’ And He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me’” (Genesis 22:11–12,
- Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. And Abraham called the name of the place, ‘The-LORD-Will-Provide’” (Genesis 22:13–14).
- “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33,
- “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19,
- “Then Jacob went on his journey and came to the land of the people of the East. So he came to a certain place and stayed there all night, because the sun had set... Then he dreamed, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth, and its top reached to heaven; and there the angels of God were ascending and descending on it” (Genesis 28:10–12,
- “Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it... How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” (Genesis 28:16–17).
- “Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day... And when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of Jacob’s hip; and the socket of Jacob’s hip was out of joint as He wrestled with Him. And He said, ‘Let Me go, for the day breaks.’ But Jacob said, ‘I will not let You go unless You bless me!’” (Genesis 32:24–26)
- And after Abraham’s obedience, God spoke again—not with a test, but with a promise. Scripture says, “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore” (Genesis 22:16–17).

APPLICATION & EXHORTATION

Intentional Worship Requires Total Surrender

This point challenges us to honestly examine what we have fully placed in God's hands—and what we are still holding back. Intentional worship is not something we fit into our schedule; it becomes the posture of our lives. The application here is simple but searching: surrender before you sing, obey before you applaud, and yield before you ask.

Like Abraham rising early and preparing the altar, we must intentionally offer God our time, our priorities, our resources, and our will. This means choosing obedience even when it is inconvenient and trusting God with the areas where we want control. When we surrender fully, we create space for God to move freely—not just in our worship services, but in our daily decisions, relationships, finances, and future.

Intentional Worship Is Often Tested Before It Is Rewarded

This point invites us to change how we interpret pressure, delay, and difficulty. Instead of seeing tests as signs that something is wrong, we begin to recognize them as confirmations that God is doing something deep. The application is to stay faithful when worship costs you something—when obedience stretches you, when prayers seem unanswered, and when the promise feels far away. Like Abraham on the mountain and Jacob wrestling through the night, we must refuse to let go, refuse to quit, and refuse to downgrade our devotion. Tests are not meant to disqualify us; they are meant to reveal the depth of our faith. When worship is tested, remain consistent, trusting that perseverance is producing spiritual maturity and positioning you for what God has already prepared.

Intentional Worship Releases Unusual Provision

This point calls us to trust God beyond what we can see and to worship with expectation, not anxiety. The application is to keep worshipping even when the ram is not visible, even when the answer has not yet appeared, and even when the outcome is uncertain.

Abraham could not see Jehovah-Jireh until after obedience, and Jacob did not realize he was on holy ground until after the encounter. When we choose intentional worship—seeking God first, honoring Him with our obedience, and refusing to let go without His blessing—we position ourselves for divine intersections. God reveals provision, clarity, peace, and breakthrough at the point of surrender. What you cannot see yet, God has already prepared. Worship unlocks access to what heaven has already arranged.

2026 CORPORATE DECLARATIONS WITH PERSONAL APPLICATION

Let's stand together and boldly declare what God is doing in us, through us, and ahead of us in 2026.

1. Psalm 90:17 — Unusual Favor & Divine Acceleration

"May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands."

Declaration: "I declare that 2026 is a year of unusual favor and divine acceleration."

Personal Application: This means God is placing His approval on what you put your hands to. You still show up, work diligently, and remain faithful—but God removes unnecessary delay, resistance, and instability. What once felt slow will gain momentum. What felt uncertain will become established. Favor doesn't replace effort; it causes your effort to last and succeed. In 2026, God is accelerating what you've faithfully been doing.

2. Philippians 1:6 — Completion of What Was Unfinished

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Declaration: "I declare that what was unfinished will be completed by the power of God."

Personal Application: This reminds you that your story is not over. Growth takes time, and process does not equal failure. God is the one who started the work in your life—your faith, your calling, your healing, your purpose—and He has not walked away from it. What feels incomplete is still under construction. In 2026, God is finishing what He started, not because of your perfection, but because of His faithfulness.

3. Ephesians 3:20 — Expanded Faith, Capacity, and Obedience

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Declaration: "I declare that God is expanding my faith, my capacity, and my obedience for greater impact."

Personal Application: God's power is already at work within you, but expansion must happen on the inside before increase shows on the outside. In 2026, God is stretching your ability to believe bigger, obey quicker, and trust deeper. This means you'll be able to carry more responsibility, steward more influence, and handle greater fruit without breaking. God is not just increasing outcomes—He is increasing you.

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.

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 at 6 am - 24th at 6 pm- 21 Days of Prayer & Fasting.

Scan the QR Code or visit our website (on the resource page) to download your copy of the prayer guide.



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

Our Speakers are: Charlie Bryant (7th), Glenn Walters (14th), & Rev. Javaris Wright (21st)

Jan. 18th - Silent Basket Auction & Ministry Fair-Tables will be out and auction will begin. January 25th-February 8th. Join a group and bid on your favorite baskets-All proceeds will benefit SCCOG Women's Mission and "Seating the Harvest Project".

Jan 24th - Solemn Assembly at 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, we will pray corporately as a body, lifting our voices in unity for our families, our church, our community, and our future. This gathering will mark the seal of our fasting journey and position us to step forward with clarity, strength, and fresh spiritual authority.

Jan. 25th-27th-Winter 3- Night Revival- at 6:00 pm (Prayer)/6:30 pm (Service). Bishop Jonathan Ziegler will be our speaker.

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)

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2026 CORPORATE DECLARATIONS WITH PERSONAL APPLICATION

4. Isaiah 60:22 — One More & God's Timing

"The least of you will become a thousand, the smallest a mighty nation. I am the LORD; in its time I will do this swiftly."

Declaration: "I declare one more miracle, one more breakthrough, one more open door, and one more soul saved."

Personal Application: "One more" may feel small, but in God's hands it multiplies. Isaiah reminds us that when God's timing meets our faith, increase happens suddenly. In 2026, God is accelerating growth, impact, and breakthrough—not by force, but by divine timing. This declaration positions your heart to recognize when the season shifts and to be ready when God moves swiftly.

5. Deuteronomy 31:8 — The Same God Who Took You Through Will Take You Forward

"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Declaration: "I declare that the same God who brought me through is the same God who will take me forward."

Personal Application: This promise reminds you that God's presence does not change with seasons. New territory may feel unfamiliar, but you are not stepping into it alone. God goes before you, walks with you, and remains faithful behind you. In 2026, you move forward with confidence—not because everything is clear, but because God is constant.

Closing Charge: These declarations are not wishful thinking. They are faith statements rooted in God's Word. As you speak them, believe them. As you believe them, live them. 2026 is not just a new year—it is a new level. And God is already at work.