



AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

DATE: Jan. 4th, 2026 at 9am & 11am Service
SPEAKER: Bishop (Dr.) Vincent Collins
SERMON SERIES: “SHIFT: A Season of Supernatural Arrival”
SERMON TITLE: A New Year, the Same Faithful God

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INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE

Daniel 10:2–14 (KJV) 2 “In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks.” 3 “I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.” 4 “And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Hiddekel;” 5 “Then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Uphaz:” 6 “His body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude.” 7 “And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves.” 8 “Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength.” 9 “Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep on my face, and my face toward the ground.” 10 “And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands.” 11 “And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling.” 12 “Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.” 13 “But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia.” 14 “Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for yet the vision is for many days.”

INTRODUCTION

The calendar has turned, and we have stepped into a brand-new year. For many, January represents a reset—new goals, new routines, new expectations. But for believers, this moment is more than a fresh start on a calendar; it is a continuation of a divine process. God does not start over every January—but He does invite us to press further.

We did not enter this year empty-handed. We entered 2026 carrying prayers that are still before God. We entered carrying seeds we sowed in faith. We entered carrying promises heaven has not forgotten. This is why we are beginning the year with fasting and prayer—not because God is distant, but because God is already at work.

Fasting does not get God’s attention; it aligns our hearts with what God is already doing. Prayer does not awaken heaven; it positions us to receive what heaven has released.

As we begin this Daniel Fast, we are declaring together that there is unfinished business in the spirit. Daniel 10 opens during a season of transition. Daniel is older now. He has already seen God move powerfully in his life. Scripture tells us that Daniel mourned for three full weeks (Daniel 10:2–3, KJV). He fasted. He prayed. He denied himself—not because he was trying to prove something to God, but because he was seeking understanding (Daniel 10:12, KJV).

Daniel’s story teaches us something vital as we begin this year: Just because you don’t see movement doesn’t mean heaven is silent. Just because it hasn’t arrived yet doesn’t mean it hasn’t been released. Just because the answer is delayed doesn’t mean the prayer was denied.

God Is Not Just Doing Something New—He Is Doing Something Unusual

From a natural perspective, “unusual” means rare, unexpected, or uncommon—something that doesn’t happen often. But from a spiritual perspective, unusual means:

- God working beyond visible circumstances
- God moving while things look unchanged
- God releasing answers before we see evidence
- God is doing what only He can do

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.” (Isaiah 55:8, KJV)

SERMON POINTS

Point 1: Heaven Responds the Moment You Pray

Prayer activates heaven even when you don’t feel anything changing.

- “Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand... thy words were heard...” (Daniel 10:12, KJV)
- “Men ought always to pray, and not to faint.” (Luke 18:1, KJV)
- “The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.” (Psalm 34:15, KJV)
- “Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” (Jeremiah 33:3, KJV)

Point 2: Delay Does Not Mean Denial

Waiting is not inactivity; waiting is engagement. Waiting is not a sign of weakness; waiting is a form of warfare.

- “At the beginning of your supplications the command was issued, and I have come to tell you... for you are greatly beloved.” (Daniel 9:23, NKJV)
- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers... against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 6:12, NKJV)
- “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” (Galatians 6:9, KJV)
- “But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength...” (Isaiah 40:31, NKJV)

Point 3: This Is a Season for the Unusual

Heaven is responding, and the unusual is unfolding right before us. Will you embrace the move of God in this season?

- “O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong.” (Daniel 10:19, KJV)
- “...and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.” (Matthew 6:18, KJV)
- “And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places...” (Isaiah 45:3, KJV)
- “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard... But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit...” (1 Corinthians 2:9–10, KJV)

2026 Declaration: ONE MORE

- One more answer revealed
- One more stronghold broken
- One more burden lifted
- One more breakthrough released

APPLICATION & EXHORTATION

We enter this season praying and fasting with confidence, not based on what we feel, but on what God has promised. We understand that heaven responds the moment we pray, even when nothing seems to shift in the natural. Like Daniel, we set our hearts to seek understanding, trusting that from the very first day our words are heard and our prayers are already in motion (Daniel 10:12, KJV). Instead of growing faint or discouraged, we keep praying, knowing that persistence is proof of faith (Luke 18:1, KJV) and that God's eyes are upon the righteous and His ears are always open to our cry (Psalm 34:15, KJV). We pray knowing that delay does not mean denial—it means God is working in realms we cannot see (Daniel 10:13, KJV). And with that same confidence, we obey the invitation of Jeremiah 33:3, calling on the Lord with expectation, believing that He will answer and show us great and mighty things we do not yet know (Jeremiah 33:3, KJV). In this way, prayer becomes our posture, trust becomes our discipline, and faith becomes our response as we stand expectant for the unusual to unfold.

In this season for the unusual, we apply these truths given in the message by refusing to interpret delay as denial and choosing instead to stay engaged in faith while heaven is working beyond what we can see. Like Daniel, we remain in position, confident that the moment we begin to pray, heaven has already released a response, even if the manifestation is delayed. We understand that waiting is not inactivity—it is spiritual engagement—and that every prayer, every act of obedience, and every moment of perseverance is part of a greater unseen battle (Ephesians 6:12, NKJV). Because we are not wrestling against flesh and blood but against spiritual forces, we refuse to grow weary or distracted, knowing that prayer disturbs the unseen realm and shifts atmospheres. We stay planted, believing that in due season we will reap, because heaven has already moved—and the unusual is unfolding right on schedule (Galatians 6:9, KJV).

We must make a choice to stand strong even when the work of God feels hidden and the answers are not yet visible. Like Daniel, we receive heaven's reassurance that we are greatly beloved (Daniel 10:19, KJV), and instead of allowing fear, fatigue, or delay to weaken us, we allow God's peace to strengthen us again and again. We continue to pray, fast, serve, and obey with confidence, knowing that the Father who sees what is done in secret is already preparing an open reward (Matthew 6:18, KJV). Even when circumstances don't make sense, we lean on the Spirit of God, believing that what eye has not seen and ear has not heard is being made known in His time (1 Corinthians 2:9–10, KJV). This is how we walk forward in faith, not discouraged by what we can't see, but encouraged by what God is unveiling—declaring in this season ONE MORE: one more revelation, one more breakthrough, one more answered prayer, and one more move of God.

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.

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

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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.

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.