



# AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

**DATE:** Feb. 8th, 2026

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

**SERMON SERIES:**

**SERMON TITLE:** Teamwork Makes The Dream Work

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## INTRODUCTION, BACKGROUND, AND SCRIPTURE, SERMON POINTS

### **Mark 2:3–12**

Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

Some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”

### **Introduction**

Super Bowl Sunday reminds us of a truth we often forget: great victories are never the result of one person alone. Football powerfully demonstrates that while talent may get the spotlight, teamwork wins the mission.

That’s why the story in Mark 2:3–12 matters so much. The paralyzed man didn’t walk into Jesus’ presence on his own—he was carried by four men. When the door was blocked, they didn’t quit. When the crowd resisted, they didn’t retreat. They climbed, dug, and lowered their friend into the presence of Jesus because they understood a powerful truth: when one can’t move, others must carry. Jesus didn’t just respond to the faith of the man on the mat—Scripture says, “When Jesus saw their faith...”

### **African American Highlight: Walter Payton**

Known as “Sweetness,” Walter Payton played with both grace and grit.

- Famous for blocking for teammates, not just running the ball
- Rarely celebrated touchdowns—he simply handed the ball to the official
- Believed success was about the team, not personal glory

### **Point 1: God’s Strength Is the Power Behind the Team**

Mark 2:3–6 The four men’s faith and action brought their friend to Jesus. God’s strength is what empowered their teamwork.

Ephesians 4:16 “From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies... causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 3:20–21 “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

### **Point 2: Shared Responsibility Moves the Mission Forward**

Ecclesiastes 4:9–10 “Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion...”

1 Corinthians 12:12–14 We are one body with many members—each unique, each essential.

Romans 12:6–8 We have different gifts, given by God’s grace. Let’s use them—whether in teaching, leading, giving, or serving.

### **Point 3: Persistent Prayer Unites and Propels the Team**

Mark 2:10–12 Jesus healed the man because of the faith and unity of the team.

James 5:16 “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

Ephesians 6:18 “Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

## **BEYOND THE MESSAGE**

Mark 2:3–12 shows us that teamwork multiplies strength and makes the impossible reachable. The paralyzed man couldn’t reach Jesus alone—his faith was carried by others. Four men picked him up, carried his weight, and refused to let obstacles stop them. This miracle began not with Jesus speaking, but with people moving together. When the front door was blocked, they climbed higher, dug deeper, and worked harder. Teamwork turned an obstacle into an opportunity. Alone, none of them could have done this. Together, they made a way where there was no way.

Support is as powerful as belief. Scripture says, “When Jesus saw their faith...”—not just the faith of the man, but of the team. Their faith was active: they lifted, broke through, and held on. Teamwork means staying connected when the journey is heavy, progress is slow, and effort is inconvenient. The paralyzed man was healed because he was surrounded by people who refused to drop him. When we support one another, we become conduits for God’s healing, restoration, and breakthrough.

Finally, Mark 2 reminds us that the mission is bigger than the method or the individual. The four men didn’t argue about who would carry which corner—they just carried. They didn’t stop to explain themselves—they moved with purpose. When Jesus healed the man, the result was greater than anyone imagined: sins forgiven, bodies healed, faith strengthened, and God glorified. That’s what happens when people unite around a shared mission. When everyone does their part, sets aside ego, and focuses on getting people to Jesus, the dream doesn’t just work—it transforms lives. Teamwork doesn’t just make the dream work; it makes room for miracles.

## NOTES

## 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.

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. 18<sup>th</sup> - Feb 11<sup>th</sup>** Silent Basket Auction & Ministry Fair-Tables will be out and auction will begin. January 25th-February 11th. Join a group and bid on your favorite baskets-All proceeds will benefit SCCOG Women's Mission and "Seating the Harvest Project".

**Feb 8** Jersey Sunday & Super Bowl Fellowship at 6pm

**Feb 10th--** SCCOG 2026 Prayer Conference Women's Service

**Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**-March 25<sup>th</sup>- Colossians Bible Study Series

**Feb 16th** - Life Givers Fellowship

**Feb. 21st**-Facilitator Training at 9am -12 noon. Registration available online

**Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Black History Program & Youth Evening Gathering

**Feb 28<sup>th</sup>**-Covenant Couples Fellowship

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** - Young Adult Virtual Talk

**March 28** - Covenant Couples Fellowship

**April 17-18- SCCOG Women's Conference**

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

Regular Registration \$65.00 (After 1/30/25)

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.

## SUNDAY MORNING STEWARDSHIP DECREES

AS WE STAND IN FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP OF ALL YOU HAVE GIVEN,

WE ARE DECREERING BY FAITH:

JOBS & BETTER JOBS,  
RAISES & BONUSSES,  
BENEFITS, SALES, & COMMISSIONS,  
FAVORABLE SETTLEMENTS,  
ESTATES, PROPERTIES, & INHERITANCES,  
STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS,  
SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS  
INTERESTS AND INCOME,  
REBATES AND RETURNS,  
CHECKS IN THE MAIL,  
GIFTS AND SURPRISES,  
FINDING MONEY,  
DEBTS PAID OR CANCELLED,  
EXPENSES ARE DECREASING,  
AND BLESSINGS ARE INCREASING!

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR SUPPLYING ALL OF MY FINANCIAL NEEDS

THAT I MAY HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SOW INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

AND BE AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE FAVOR OF GOD LOOKS LIKE

TO THOSE I ENCOUNTER.

IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN!

## SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

### Sunday School

- Every Sunday at 10:10 am-10:55 am.

### 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