



AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

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SPEAKER: Bishop (Dr) Vincent Collins
Sermon Title: Making The Adjustment: Living in God's Power Over Life's Problems

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SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:24-27 (NKJV) “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Matthew 14:22-33 (NKJV) “Immediately, Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now, when evening came, He was alone there. But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. Now in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out for fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.’ And Peter answered Him and said, ‘Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.’ So he said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, ‘Lord, save me!’ And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, ‘O you of little faith, why did you doubt?’ And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, ‘Truly You are the Son of God.’”

INTRODUCTION

After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, everything changed. What took place was not just a moment of victory—it was a release of power. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead became available for everyday living. But here’s the reality we must confront: even though the power has been given, we must be willing to make the necessary adjustments to walk in it.

If we are going to live in the power God has already given us, we must be willing to adjust. And this is exactly where we find the disciples in Matthew 14. Jesus sends them onto the sea—they are not out of position; they are in obedience. Yet they find themselves in a storm. The wind is against them, the waves are crashing, and progress has come to a standstill.

Here’s the truth we must embrace: just because you’re in a storm does not mean you’re out of God’s will. Sometimes the storm is confirmation that you’re exactly where God told you to be.

If we are going to live in the power of God over the problems of life, it will require more than knowing about the power. It will require making the adjustment to build our lives on His Word, depend on His Spirit, and walk by faith.

POINT 1: THE WORD OF GOD GIVES YOU STABILITY IN THE STORM

Matthew 14:27 (NKJV) — “But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, ‘Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.’”

- Romans 10:17 (NKJV) — “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”
- Isaiah 55:11 (NKJV) — “So shall My word be... it shall not return to Me void...”

POINT 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS YOU TO WALK THROUGH WHAT YOU FEAR

Matthew 14:29 (NKJV) — “So He said, ‘Come.’ And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water...”

- Acts 1:8 (NKJV) — “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...”
- 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV) — “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
- John 16:13 (NKJV) — “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth...”

POINT 3: FAITH ACTIVATES GOD'S POWER IN THE MIDDLE OF PROBLEMS

Matthew 14:30-32 (NKJV) — "...And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him... And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased."

- Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) — "But without faith it is impossible to please Him..."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV) — "For we walk by faith, not by sight."
- Mark 9:23 (NKJV) — "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
- James 1:6 (NKJV) — "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting..."

BEYOND THE MESSAGE

Living this message beyond today starts with what you do consistently, not occasionally. If the Word of God is your foundation, it must become part of your daily rhythm. Create intentional moments where you hear from God before you hear from the world—whether in the morning, on your lunch break, or before bed. Life will always bring noise, pressure, and distraction, but when you prioritize time in God's Word, you strengthen your foundation before the storm ever shows up. Over time, you'll notice that situations that once shook you don't move you the same way, because your life is anchored deeper than circumstances.

To truly live in God's power, you must move from occasional awareness of the Holy Spirit to daily dependence on Him. Invite Him into ordinary moments—not only major decisions or crises. When you wake up, acknowledge Him. When you're driving, talk to Him. When you're facing a conversation, a decision, or a challenge, ask for His guidance. The more you engage the Holy Spirit throughout the day, the more sensitive you become to His leading—and the more confident you'll be walking in His direction. Over time, you'll realize you're no longer reacting to life; you're being led through life.

Faith becomes real when it moves from what you believe to how you behave. It's easy to agree with God's Word in theory, but living it out requires action—especially when it feels uncomfortable or uncertain. Each day brings opportunities to practice faith in small but meaningful ways: trusting God when you don't have all the answers, stepping forward when you feel hesitant, and speaking what God said instead of what you feel.

And when you face moments where you feel like you're sinking—when pressure increases, fear rises, or doubt creeps in—don't withdraw, don't isolate, and don't stay silent. Call on Jesus immediately. Lean into Him, trust Him, and let Him steady you. Living by faith isn't only about personal victory—it's about becoming a visible example of God's power at work in everyday life.

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 sign-up 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>



April 8- May 13 at 6:30 pm- Unleash- A Tony Evans Bible Study Series

May 2nd (9am-3pm) - May 3rd (9 am & 11 am) - Women's Conference- All In- Registration \$35.00. For more information, contact AWCI Women's Ministry.



May 8th at 8:00 AM - Agape's 4th Annual Golf Classic Scholarship Fundraiser! This is your chance to play for a purpose, whether you're hitting the links solo or in a foursome. Even if you're not playing, you can still contribute by becoming an esteemed sponsor.



May 10th- Mother's Day Celebration – Women's Breakfast- Immediately after 9 am Service- RSVP required

May 10th- Mother's Day Baby Dedication- During 11:00 am

May 15th at 1:00 PM - Next Steps Class & Luncheon

SAVE THE DATES:
More information coming soon!

Mother's Day Celebration-May 12, 2026
A special day to honor and celebrate all mothers and mother figures.

Men's & Women's Breakout Sessions
Wednesdays, May 13th – June 24th

Vacation Bible School (VBS)- June 9-11, 2026
Fun, faith, and fellowship for our children—excitingly learning about Jesus!

Transitions Promotions / Graduate Recognition- June 14th

Father's Day Celebration- June 21, 2026
Celebrating the strength, leadership, and legacy of fathers.

Water Baptism Service
• June 28th after 11:00 AM service

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. (Canceled this month (April)
• At Agape Worship Center International
• All men are invited.
More information: Contact Bro. Sharlton Gentles & Bro. James Bennett

Youth Evening Gathering (Every 4th Sunday)
• Sunday, April 26th
• 4:00PM-6:00 PM

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: (650)419-1505 (US East)
◦ Meeting ID: 393-678-9202
◦ Virtual:meetings.ringcentral.com/j/3936789202