



# AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

DATE: May 17th, 2026  
 SPEAKER: Evangelist Rachel Pickett  
 SERMON TITLE: OVERCOMING OPPOSITION

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## KEY PASSAGE:

**Revelation 12: 10 – 11** “And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their own lives unto the death.”

**Main Point:** Trials will come but Jesus overcame the world, sin, and death on the cross so that we can live a victorious life in Him. We must be resilient when we face opposition. Never surrender to the schemes and plots of the accuser. If we experience a sudden shock of adversity and get knocked down, we will shake it off, quickly arise, and recover all.

**Overcome** - To defeat, conquer, subdue or gain victory over obstacles or opposition through faith in Jesus Christ.

**Opposition** - Something or someone that is against or objects to another by making hostile and contrary actions or conditions in order to discourage, slow down, defeat, and/or utterly destroy.

“The thief cometh not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy” **John 10:10**

## SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES:

2 Timothy 2:24 – 26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

**2 Corinthians 4:7** “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”

**2 Corinthians 4:16-17** For which cause **we faint not**; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. **For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh** for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.

**Numbers 27: 5 – 7** And Moses brought their cause before the Lord, And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and **thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them.**

## LESSON POINTS:

- ☒ Operate in God's power and authority
- ☒ Know that the enemy is already defeated
- ☒ Be Resilient

## LIFE APPLICATION:

**1. Be resilient** - Having the ability to withstand shock and recover quickly from difficult situations or damage; to spring back quickly after being compressed and oppressed.

**2. Break free** from compression and oppression by the power and authority of God.

**Compressed** – to be reduced, made to fit, or made to occupy less space.

**Oppressed** – to be treated unfairly, cruel, or unjust by those in authority often taking away one's freedom, rights, or opportunities that they are entitled to; to utilize an abuse of power and authority

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**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>



**Men’s & Women’s Breakout Bible Study Sessions**

**May 20th – June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm -Men’s & Women’s Breakout Bible Study Sessions** The Women’s Lesson will be Women in Waiting. The Men’s Lesson will be “Built To Stand.”

**May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9am &/or 11am - Family & Friends Day-**

Modified services with time for food, fun, fellowship, games, and connection.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Church Leadership Training.** Open to all leaders and those interested in church leadership.

**June 7-10, 2026- SC Church of God Camp Meeting-** at Church of God Convention Center located at 306 Monrow Dr Simpsonville, SC, 29681

**Service Times are:**

- Sunday at 6:00 pm
- Monday-Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 am
- Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday Evening Ordination Service at 6:30 pm

**SAVE THE DATES:**

More information coming soon!

**Vacation Bible School (VBS)-June 16–18, 2026 at 6:30pm**

Fun, faith, and fellowship for our children—excitingly learning about Jesus!

**Student Grade Promotions / Graduate Recognition-** June 14<sup>th</sup>, during the 11 am service. You can complete the recognition form online by visiting our website.

**Father’s Day Celebration- June 21, 2026**

Celebrating the strength, leadership, and legacy of fathers.

**Water Baptism Service**

- June 28<sup>th</sup> after 11:00 AM service

**Let’s Connect Sundays**

- Join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in June (28th), July (26<sup>th</sup>) & August (23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Dress down, connect with a different group in the church, and join in the fellowship and fun.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES**

**Sunday School**

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

**Men’s Ministry Meeting**

- Every 3rd Saturday at 9:00 AM.
- At Agape Worship Center International
- All men are invited.

More information: Contact Bro. Sharlton Gentles & Bro. James Bennett

**Youth Evening Gathering (Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday)**

- Ages 13-18
- 4:00 PM–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