



AWCI SERMON NOTE & *Announcements*

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SPEAKER: Bishop (Dr) Vincent Collins
SERMON TITLE: THE OIL OF THE ANOINTING

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Main Text: Luke 4:16–21

INTRODUCTION

Agape family, as we begin Miracle Month, I need you to understand that we are not merely entering another sermon series. We are stepping into a season of expectation. We are believing God for salvation. We are believing God for healing. We are believing God for deliverance. We are believing God to restore families. We are believing God to break strongholds. We are believing God to open impossible doors. We are believing God to do exceedingly and abundantly above all that we could ask or think. We are expecting the extraordinary because we serve an extraordinary God.

However, before we talk about miracles, healing, and breakthroughs, we must first talk about something even more important. If we desire miracles, we must seek the presence and power of God. Before there are miracles, there must be an anointing. When Jesus began His earthly ministry, He did not begin with a miracle. He began with an announcement: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me.” Jesus announced that the Spirit of God was upon Him and that He had been anointed to preach, heal, deliver, restore, and set people free. Before there are miracles, there must be an anointing.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

- **Hebrews 13:8** “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”
- **Psalms 77:14** “You are the God who does wonders; You have declared Your strength among the peoples.”
- **Jeremiah 32:27** “Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?” The God who performed miracles in Scripture is still the miracle-working God today.

WHAT IS A MIRACLE?

Biblically speaking, a miracle is a supernatural act of God in which He intervenes in human circumstances to reveal His power, accomplish His purpose, and bring glory to Himself. A miracle is not merely something unusual or unexpected. A miracle is evidence of God stepping into a situation and accomplishing what human strength, wisdom, resources, or ability could not accomplish.

WHAT IS THE ANOINTING?

Simply stated, the anointing is the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit that enables ordinary people to accomplish God’s extraordinary purposes.

- The anointing is God working through human weakness.
- The anointing is God’s power flowing through surrendered vessels.
- The anointing is what makes the difference between what we can accomplish through our own strength and what only God can accomplish through us.

Talent may attract attention, but only the anointing can transform lives.
 Education may prepare you, but only the anointing can empower you.
 Connections may open a door, but only the anointing can sustain you when you walk through it. The anointing is the supernatural empowerment of God upon a surrendered life.

POINT ONE: THE ANOINTING GIVES US OUR ASSIGNMENT

Luke 4:18–19

- Jesus clearly understood both His identity and His assignment.
- He knew who He was, He knew who had sent Him, and He knew what He had been anointed to accomplish.
- Every believer must understand this truth:
- Your assignment flows from your identity in Christ.
- Before you can effectively understand what God has called you to do, you must understand who God has called you to be.
- You are a child of God. You are chosen. You are forgiven. You are redeemed. You are accepted. You are filled with the Holy Spirit. You have been created for a divine purpose.

THE LESSON OF THE OLIVE

One of the greatest illustrations of the anointing can be found in the olive. Every bottle of olive oil begins with fruit growing quietly on a tree. When we look at an olive hanging from a branch, we would never imagine the valuable oil hidden inside of it. However, the oil cannot be released while the olive remains untouched. The olive must go through a process.

The crushing did not create the oil. The crushing revealed what had been inside the olive all along. Some of us have experienced seasons of crushing. We have endured pressure, disappointment, rejection, grief, betrayal, and hardship. However, the pressure did not come to destroy us. God used the pressure to reveal what He had already placed within us. There was faith inside of you. There was strength inside of you. There was compassion inside of you. There was purpose inside of you. There was oil inside of you. Sometimes you do not know what God has placed inside of you until life applies pressure.

Isaiah 10:27 KJV

Understanding the Yoke

The yoke determined:

- "You will always be controlled by your past."

- August is Miracle Month
- Hour of Power Revival Wednesdays in August 6:30 PM featuring special guest speakers
- Backpack Sunday, August 9th, 9 & 11:00 am. Asking the church to give donations to fill a backpack with student school supplies
- Men's Prayer Gathering Friday, August 14th.
- Pastors, Administrators & Leaders Conference August 21st & 22nd.
- Next Steps New Members Class & Luncheon- Sept 6th
- Men's Day Conference: September 4 & 5
- Couples Conference: Sept. 25-26. Details to come
- Annual Church Picnic September 12th, 10 am-3:00 pm. Weston Lake.