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IMPORTANT: As we mention each year, the Word of the Lord is to highlight one specific aspect that the Lord would want to speak to us. It is not the only thing the Lord is speaking to us. Also, we live by the entirety of the written Scriptures and being led by the Spirit. Prophetic words have their place, but we do not order our lives only by prophetic words. Day to day we live by the written Scriptures and by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

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March Forward! The Lord Will Make A Way! (Exodus 14:15-16)

Seas will be parted.
Crooked paths will be made straight.
Mountains will be made low.
Valleys will be lifted.
Rough places will be made smooth.
Iron gates will be opened.

When God's people were making their journey out of Egypt and into the land of Promise, they came face to face with the Red Sea before them, and the Egyptian armies pursuing behind them. It seemed as though this would be their end. Yet God instructed them to "go forward" or "march forward", and He supernaturally opened up the way for them.

Exodus 14:15-16

15 And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.

16 But lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

When God works to prepare the way for us, he will turn situations around. Valleys will be lifted up, mountains will be brought low, crooked paths will be made straight and rough paths made smooth.

Isaiah 40:3-5

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth;



5 The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

Or as God spoke about Cyrus, the Lord who holds our right hand, He can subdue nations and kings, He will open doors that will not be shut, He goes before us to make difficult paths straight, to open impossible doors, and give to us what He has ordained for us to possess.

Isaiah 45:1-3

1 "Thus says the LORD to His anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I have held—To subdue nations before him And loose the armor of kings, To open before him the double doors, So that the gates will not be shut:

2 'I will go before you And make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of bronze And cut the bars of iron.

3 I will give you the treasures of darkness And hidden riches of secret places, That you may know that I, the LORD, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel.

In 2026, here are some things to keep in mind, as you “March Forward”, knowing that “The Lord will make a way”.

#1, MARCH FORWARD! STEP INTO THE PLANS AND PURPOSES OF GOD.

As you pursue God’s plans and purposes, march forward into the things He wants you to accomplish.

Blend the spiritual and the practical

In the book of Numbers we observe something interesting:

In Number chapter 9:15-23 we see that God was leading His people with the pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night. The people followed the cloud and moved only when the cloud moved. This could be used as an illustration of God leading New Testament believers by His Word and Spirit.

In Numbers chapter 10:1-10 God gave Moses instructions to blow the trumpets to direct the movement of the people. The people listened to the trumpets they assembled and moved. This can be used as an illustration of God speaking prophetically through His Spirit to His people (1 Corinthians 14:6-8).



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What is interesting is that in Numbers 10:29-31, Moses requested Hobab his brother in law to be their guide and to show them how to camp and how to journey through the terrain (Numbers 10:31).

So, we see the use of the pillar of cloud and fire, the use of trumpets and the use of a human guide in making this journey into what God had in store. There was the blend of the spiritual and the practical.

#2, MARCH FORWARD! PUSH AGAINST BARRIERS THAT HINDER YOU.

Let nothing hold you back from what God has ordained for your life!

Remember that God's plans and purpose do not happen automatically. We co-labor with God and we push past opposition, challenges, difficult situations as we make this journey.

Get God's strategies to advance

As God had Moses and Joshua leading His people we observe God giving them instructions (strategies) on who to engage with and who to avoid. Some battles they fought, some battles they avoided.

Be strategic

We are familiar with Numbers 13 – when God instructed Moses to send men to survey the land He had promised for His people. Numbers 13:17-20 God instructed them to survey the land and get an idea of **the land, the people, the cities, and the fruit**. They were not to enter the land "blindly" but strategically – knowing what they were getting into.

Make the effort to study, learn, understand, be strategic as you prepare to "March forward" knowing that "The Lord will make a way".

#3, MARCH FORWARD! DON'T TURN BACK. DON'T RETREAT. DON'T ACCEPT DEFEAT.

When you face a setback – reflect, relearn, reorganize, retry – with divine wisdom.

We will make mistakes along the way.
Our mistakes may bring temporary setbacks, delays and detours.
But we must not give up.



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We take time to learn from our setbacks, reorganize and then move forward again.
We must continue to march forward.

Expect God's supernatural favor and orchestration

Revelation 3:8

I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

Remember when the Lord sets before us an open door, no one can shut it.

SUMMARY

Sermon review

As we pray – can you pray about specific areas or assignments that you will believe God for and march forward in faith, expecting the Lord to make a way.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Exodus 14:15-16; Isaiah 40:3-5; Isaiah 45:1-3*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, What are some areas where you will apply the Word of the Lord 2026 and "March forward" expecting "The Lord will make a way" for you?



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2, What are some ways you can "Blend the spiritual and the practical" as you prepare to March forward in 2026, in the areas you identified in 1, above?

3, When you face barriers that hinder you, how you would (A)Get God's strategies to advance and (B)Be strategic to push past these barriers? What are some practical things you could do (e.g. pray, get godly counsel, research, study, learn, get mentoring, etc.)

Remember to share your testimony as you see the word of the Lord fulfilled. Send an email to: testimony@apcwo.org

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

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SERMON OUTLINE

We bring the Word of the Lord for 2026. This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

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