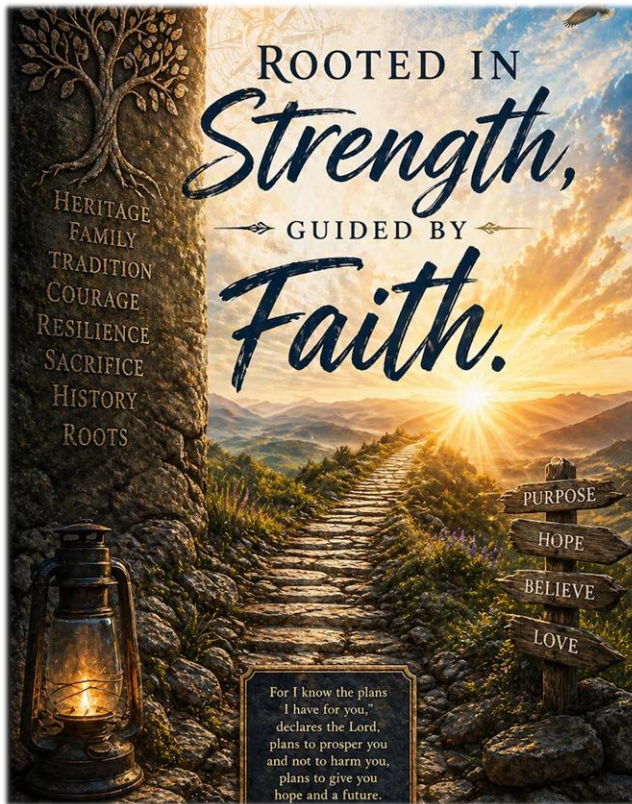


# Welcome



**Sunday 10:30am & 6pm**

*Coffee & Donuts Fellowship before Sunday Morning Service*

*Sunday Services Streamed Live*

**Wednesday 6pm**



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**OVERCOMER** **SHOWING TONIGHT 6PM**

Life changes overnight for coach John Harrison after he loses his basketball team and is challenged to coach a new sport he doesn't know or like. As John questions his own worth, he dares to help the least likely runner take on the biggest race of the year. Filled with a powerful mix of faith, humor, and heart, this inspirational story will have you on the edge of your seat.


**INDIAN TACOS**  
**SATURDAY – AUGUST 8 – 11AM-3PM**
**EDUCATING THE MIND BUT NOT THE SOUL – BILLY GRAHAM DEVOTION**

*God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it.*

*John 3:17 (TLB)*

You can put a public school and university in the middle of every block of every city in America—but you will never keep America from rotting morally by mere intellectual education. Education cannot be properly called education which neglects the most important parts of man's nature. Partial education throughout the world is far worse than none at all if we educate the mind but not the soul. To think of civilizing men without converting them to Christ is about as wise as to think about transforming wolves into lambs merely by washing them and putting on them a fleece of wool. "Happy are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy." The mercy the world needs is the grace, love, and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is His transforming and regenerating power that the world needs more than anything else.

**Prayer:** *Merciful Lord, may my life be filled with Your outflowing love for others.*

**THE SUDDENNESS OF GRACE**

*He sent forth his commandment upon the earth;  
his word runs very swiftly. Psalm 147:15*



The mountain pass is silent, blanketed in a deep, undisturbed layer of white. For months, the snow has been accumulating, crystal by delicate crystal, building a massive, towering weight against the steep incline. To the casual observer, the mountain looks frozen in time, unchanging and permanent. There is no movement. There is no sound. Yet, hidden beneath the surface, a structural transformation is taking place. The pressure is mounting. The foundation is becoming heavy with potential. Then, with a single, sharp crack of thunder or a sudden shift in the breeze, the entire scene changes. In an instant, the stillness is shattered. The accumulation releases, and a

massive, unstoppable flow of power surges down the slope, clearing everything in its path and refreshing the valley below.

Breakthrough often arrives in exactly this fashion. We spend long, difficult seasons in the work of storing and gathering, convinced that nothing is changing because the landscape looks the same as it did the day before. We wonder if our prayers have been forgotten or if the drought will ever end. But God does not measure progress by how fast a glacier moves. He measures it by the fullness of time. When the season is right, the Word of God runs swiftly, and the move of the Spirit happens with a suddenness that makes every day of waiting seem like a brief moment in the grander story of His goodness.

Psalm 147:15 reminds us that His word is not delayed. When the commandment is released upon the earth, it moves with a speed that we cannot anticipate. You are never more than a single moment away from a divine intervention. While the process of building the "snow" of prayer takes persistent, daily labor, the release of the "avalanche" is an act of sovereign grace. The God who orchestrates the seasons of the earth is just as precise with the seasons of your soul. He knows exactly how much pressure is needed before the breakthrough is triggered.

This perspective shifts how you face your current challenges. If you feel like your situation has been dry for a long time, recognize that you are not in a season of failure. You are in a season of positioning. You are being prepared for the moment when the temperature changes and the gathered prayers of the past become the overwhelming goodness of the present. The breakthrough you are seeking will not come because you finally managed to convince God to move. It will come because you have successfully stayed in position long enough for the fullness of His timing to arrive.

Applying this truth to real life requires a posture of constant readiness. Do not let the lack of immediate results cause you to lower your guard or abandon your faith. Keep your heart open and your expectations high. When you wake up, when you drive to work, or when you sit in the silence of your own home, choose to believe that the shift could happen at any moment. You are not waiting for a miracle that is miles away. You are standing directly in the path of a blessing that is already gaining momentum.

Stay consistent in your devotion. Continue to stack up your prayers, your thanks, and your requests, even when the mountain looks unchanged. The breakthrough is coming, and it will be more overwhelming and more refreshing than anything you could have orchestrated on your own. You have done the work of the gatherer, and now you are ready for the grace of the avalanche.

**REFLECTION** – Think of one promise God has given you that has yet to manifest. Write it down on a card and place it where you will see it every day this week. Each time you look at it, speak a prayer of thanks in advance for the "sudden" breakthrough that is coming, acting as if you are already standing in the path of the avalanche.

**PRAYER** - *Father, thank You for the promise that my breakthrough is closer than I realize. I admit that it is difficult to wait, but I choose to trust in Your perfect timing and Your swift-running word. Thank You for every prayer I have been able to offer, knowing that nothing has been lost or wasted in Your sight. I position my heart to receive the goodness You have prepared for me, and I release my need to control the when or the how. I am ready for the avalanche of Your grace, and I trust that You are moving even now to change everything.*

## **CARTELS TO CHRIST: COLOMBIA**

In a country plagued by violence, a remarkable transformation is taking place. Once mainly known for drugs and murder, one Colombian city is witnessing a revolution sparked by faith and fútbol (soccer). American Mark Wittig was born in Colombia to missionary parents and lived there until the age of 12. After spending several years in Pennsylvania, he returned to Medellín in 1985 at the height of the violence. He came to teach at Medellín's seminary, located in a neighborhood where a group of young men were working indirectly for Pablo Escobar. Despite the danger, Wittig looked past the destruction and saw something else: their deep love for fútbol. That connection became his entry point. Going out of his way, Wittig started a soccer tournament for the neighborhood gang. "I think I was pretty innocent, I just figured that God was going to take care of me one way or another." That shared love of the game was the beginning of something bigger.

"The process was just kind of a natural multiplication process of discipling," Wittig explained. "As we had resources, we'd organize teams for them. They would coach them and also share the gospel with them. As two or three of them became Christians, I would meet them every Monday for Bible study and time of prayer." One of those transformed is Alex Saldarriaga, now the Sports Director at COSDECOL. "When I turned ten years old, I was already cleaning the guns from my dad," Saldarriaga said. Introduced to murder and the drug trade by his father—a cartel leader. One day, I went home after practice, and my dad was waiting for me at the door with a list of people that we needed to kill"

For others joining the cartel wasn't a matter of choice—it was survival. Juan Martinez, now a coach, remembers the moment his childhood changed. "I was 11, found out that my mom was working as a prostitute," Martinez said. "I left school and started selling drugs to get my mom out of that life."

Despite it all, Wittig remained focused on what Medellín's youth loved most—soccer. Before every practice, he'd share a word from the Bible. The transformation wasn't overnight—drugs, temptation, and violence were still prevalent in the lives of these men. The danger was so real that gang members carried weapons to practice.

Still, one thing remained more powerful than drugs, money, or power — fútbol. And for many, that was the game-changer and a connection to something greater. **"God is actively working to redeem this world.** And if there was an example of that, it's COSDECOL in Medellín," Wittig said.

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