

# Welcome to Church!

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay has been both meaningful and memorable.

Here are some activities going on with us!

## ☐ “Sibol” Youth Camp

Paragon Youth Ministry, in partnership with IVCF, is thrilled to invite all the youth to join the Youth Camp: “Sibol”—happening this **June 4-6, 2025** at Highland Mango Ecofarm! Participation fee for P2,000.00, and slots are limited.

Stop by the booth outside after the service for more inquiries about the camp registration and to learn more of our fundraising efforts.

## ☐ Free Blood Pressure & Sugar Check-up

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their **Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar** levels to avail of our free check-up, happening **every after Sunday service!**

## ☐ How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your **prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

## ☐ Discover life with our Small Groups.

Looking for deeper connections and a closer walk with God? Our **small groups** are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

## ☐ Stay for fellowship and refreshments.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

## Schedules for Services:

### English Service:

Morning 10:00 AM  
Afternoon 01:00 PM

### Cebuano Service:

Afternoon 04:00 PM

2nd Floor,  
Northgate Center.  
across Gaisano Country Mall  
Banilad, Cebu City.

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## IN THE BOAT AND IN THE STORM WITH JESUS

Expanding The Misson: The Kingdom Unfolds (Series)  
Pastor Nic Sy | May 25, 2025 | Mark 4:35-41

### SERMON NOTES

*What do you expect God to do when your life falls apart?*

#### I. THE STORM EXPOSES OUR ASSUMPTIONS/ILLUSIONS OF CONTROL (Mark 4:35-37)

*Storms are not always a sign that we've gone the wrong way. Sometimes, they are part of the path God himself has called us into.*

*We are not in control. We never really are.*

*The storm isn't the enemy. It's the revealer.*

*Storms show us where our hope has been misplaced.*

#### II. THE STORM INVITES US TO REST IN HIS/GOD'S CONTROL (Mark 4:38, Gen 1:2).

*Storms outside can easily turn into a storm inside.*

*Sometimes the storm outside is easier to face than the storm within.*

*We may want rescue, but Jesus offers rest.*

#### III. THE STORM REVEALS THE JESUS WHO IS IN CONTROL (Mark 4:29-41).

*The real danger isn't the storm outside; it's that they've underestimated Who's in the boat with them.*

*Awe is the moment we stop treating Jesus like a spiritual genie and start recognizing him as God.*

*"In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and therefore know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all." (C.S. Lewis)*



**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
For the week of May 26–June 1, 2025  
**“IN THE BOAT AND IN THE STORM WITH JESUS”**

## Getting Started

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you were to choose to be in a place where you can experience either the most intense heat or cold weather, which would you choose? Why?

## Group Discussion

Read Mark 4:35-41.

1. What are the movements or turning points in the story that catch your attention? How do the disciples react at each stage — from calm sailing, to storm, to Jesus calming the waves, to their final question? Where would you place yourself emotionally if you were in that boat?
2. Why do you think the disciples jumped to questioning Jesus' care and just not his power? Have you ever prayed that kind of question — wondering if God truly sees or cares about your pain? What might their panic reveal about how we often interpret God's silence?
3. Jesus is asleep in the storm. What does this detail tell us about his trust in the Father or his confidence of the situation? What does it mean to trust God enough to rest, even when the waves are still crashing?
4. *“Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”* What do you think Jesus meant by that? Was he expecting them to be calm in the storm themselves or to trust him despite it? How do you tend to respond when your faith doesn't match your fear? What might Jesus be inviting us into when he asks that question?

5. Why do you think the disciples were more afraid *after* the storm than during it? What does their fear reveal about the growing realization of who Jesus truly is? How does awe differ from panic or terror and why is it essential to true faith?

6. What shift happens in the disciples' understanding of who's in the boat? How does this challenge our tendency to see Jesus as someone we can manage or predict? How does awe and wonder deepen our relationship with him, especially in times of crisis?

7. If this passage challenges our need for control, invites us into trustful rest, and ultimately points us to awe, where are you in that journey right now? Are there areas of your life where Jesus is asking you to release control, rest in his presence, or respond to him with renewed reverence? What would it look like to apply that in your life this week?

## Next Steps

*“In God you come up against something which is in every respect immeasurably superior to yourself. Unless you know God as that—and therefore know yourself as nothing in comparison—you do not know God at all.” (C.S. Lewis)*

- I will release control of my storms to God.
- I will choose to rest in Jesus.
- I will cultivate awe of God.
- I will remember that Jesus is in the boat with me; I will not face my troubles alone.
- I will remove any form of entitlement.

## Closing the Session

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart to let go, to rest and to live in awe of who Jesus is.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

May 26	Mark 4:35-41
May 27	Exodus 14:10-14
May 28	Job 38:1-11
May 29	Psalms 131:1-3
May 30	Habakkuk 3:17-19
May 31	Psalms 59:1-17
June 1	Matthew 14:22-33