

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 will be both meaningful and memorable.

We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

☑ Hermeneutics Class (Session 3)

Hermeneutics Session 3 resumes on **September 27, 2026** at 7PM.

☑ The Disciple-Making Life Training

What does it really mean to follow Jesus and to help others follow him? Join us for a weekly teaching and training series as we learn from the life and ministry of Jesus and discover practical ways to grow as disciples who make disciples.

Every Thursday, beginning **October 15, 2026**, 7PM.
All are welcome to join!



How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. 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!



Free **Blood Pressure** and **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**!

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.

ways to give **TITHES** and **LOVE GIFTS**

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WITH US!**



LIVING WORD NRA
Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

When God is in the Room

ACTS 5:1-11

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts

Part 2: The Church Under Fire

September 27, 2026 | Ptr. Nic Sy

SERMON NOTES

I. APPEARANCE IS NOT ENOUGH

"kept back" | nosphizō (νοσφίζω) | "to misappropriate, to embezzle, to keep back, to steal."

There is a huge difference between wanting to be godly and wanting to be seen as godly.

God sees not only what we do; he sees why we do it.

Is there a version of me that I work very hard for people to believe?

II. SIN IS NEVER CASUAL

"test" | peirazō (πειράζω) | "trying, testing, or putting something to the proof."

God's patience with sin should never be mistaken for God's permission to sin.

III. REVERENCE IS THE RIGHT RESPONSE

"fear" | phobos (φόβος) | "terror, fear, reverence, or awe."

Reverence is not merely the fear of consequences; it's the joy of finally seeing God clearly.

"WHEN GOD IS IN THE ROOM"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of September 28–October 4, 2026

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.

What is the funniest or most disappointing item you ever bought online that looked high-end and elaborate in the photo, but turned out to be flimsy or fake when it arrived?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 5:1–11

1. Read Acts 4:36–5:4. Why do you think Luke places the story of Ananias and Sapphira immediately after the generosity of Barnabas? According to Peter in verse 4, what freedom did Ananias have regarding the property and the money? If keeping part of the proceeds was not itself wrong, what made his action sinful? What does this teach us about the difference between genuine devotion and appearing devoted?

2. Read Matthew 6:1–6 and Matthew 23:25–28. What similarities do you see between Jesus' warnings about hypocrisy and what happens in Acts 5? Why can spiritually good activities such as giving, praying, serving, or even posting Christian content become dangerous when the desire to be seen becomes too important? Where can Christians today be most tempted to manage their spiritual image rather than cultivate their inner life with God?

3. Peter tells Ananias, "You have not lied to man but to God" (Acts 5:4), and later asks Sapphira why they agreed "to test the Spirit of the Lord" (v. 9). What do these statements teach us about the Holy Spirit's presence in the church? How might our choices change if we were more conscious that God sees what people cannot see? What hidden areas of life are easiest for us to treat as though God were not present there?

4. The story of the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira is uncomfortable. Read Leviticus 10:1–3 and Joshua 7:1,19–26. What similarities do you notice between these events and Acts 5, especially considering that each occurs at an important stage in the life of God's people? What do these passages teach us about God's holiness? How can we take sin seriously without developing an unhealthy picture of God as constantly waiting to punish us?

5. Twice Luke says that "great fear" came upon those who heard what happened. Read Proverbs 9:10 and Psalms 130:3–4. What does biblical fear of the Lord look like, and how is it different from simply being frightened of punishment? How can knowing both God's holiness and his mercy actually deepen our reverence for him? What might change in our everyday lives if God's approval mattered more to us than people's praise?

6. Ananias and Sapphira appear to have wanted both the money they kept and the reputation that came from appearing completely generous. What are some modern equivalents of wanting the reputation of sacrifice without actually making the sacrifice? How can money, time, ministry, relationships, or social media become places where we seek admiration? Why is quiet faithfulness difficult especially if nobody noticed or applauded what we were doing?

NEXT STEPS

Reverence is not merely the fear of consequences; it's the joy of finally seeing God clearly.

- **LIVE TRUE.** I will pay attention to places where I am tempted to appear more spiritual, generous, successful, or put-together than I really am.
- **COME CLEAN.** I will confess it honestly and make things right where necessary. God's patience with sin is not God's permission to sin.
- **WALK AWARE.** I will live conscious of God's presence.
- **REST IN GRACE.** I will come honestly to Christ, remembering that Jesus already knows me completely and gave himself for sinners.

CLOSING THE SESSION

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

- Pray for the grace to live honestly before God, to bring hidden sin into the light, and to value his approval more than the praise of people.
- 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

September 28	Acts 5:1–11	October 2	Romans 5:6–11
September 29	Matthew 6:1–11	October 3	Psalms 115:1–8
September 30	Matthew 23:25–28	October 4	Psalms 115:9–18
October 1	1 John 1:5–10		