

# 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!

## Small Group Leaders & Disciplers Meet-up

Pastor Nic will meet with Groups 7 & 8 on **September 13, 2026**, 7PM at the Center.

## Hermeneutics Class (Session 3)

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

## 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!**



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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

# The Name They Could Not Silence

ACTS 4:1-22

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts

**Part 2: The Church Under Fire**

September 13, 2026 | Bro Arnold Alo

## SERMON NOTES

### I. THE CONFRONTATION (vv 1-4)

Truth is undeniable.

The gospel is rarely opposed because it's boring. It's opposed because it's threatening.

Believing in the truth doesn't require more evidence, it requires willingness.

### II. THE COURAGE (vv 5-12)

Boldness and courage is the result of being filled with the Holy Spirit

Courage is the presence of the Spirit in fearful circumstances.

We have a problem, a disease called sin that causes physical and spiritual death. There is only one cure: a Savior, Jesus Christ.

### III. THE CREDIBILITY (vv 13-14)

When you have a relationship with Jesus, a Spirit-filled life happens that education cannot produce and status cannot fake.

The evidence and proof of God's salvation is the fruit of our changed lives and our love for one another.

### IV. THE COMPULSION (vv 15-22)

The human heart's capacity to resist the truth goes far deeper than a lack of evidence. You can know and still refuse the truth.

The truth and evidence of the gospel does not and will never change.

# "THE NAME THEY COULD NOT SILENCE"

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of September 14-20, 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 one topic you can talk about for a long time without anyone needing to convince you to talk about it?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 4:1-22

1. Who shows up to confront Peter and John, and why would the Sadducees in particular have been so bothered by a message about the resurrection? Why do you think the council's first move was to arrest the two men and lock them up overnight rather than simply ask whether what they were saying was true? And what is ironic about verse 4, where the very night the messengers spend in a cell is the same stretch of time in which about five thousand men come to believe?

2. Read Acts 4:5-10 and Luke 22:54-62. What differences do you notice between the Peter who denied Jesus and the Peter standing before the Sanhedrin? According to Acts 4:8, what does Luke emphasize as the source of Peter's courage? Read 2 Timothy 1:7. How does biblical courage differ from simply having a naturally bold personality? What situation in your life right now requires dependence on the Holy Spirit rather than trying to manufacture courage on your own?

3. Read Acts 4:10-12 and Psalms 118:21-23. Why does Peter describe Jesus as the stone rejected by the builders who became the cornerstone? What does Acts 4:12 mean when it says there is "salvation in no one else"? Why can that claim sound narrow or offensive? How do you personally hold on to this claim without it making you harsh or embarrassed to say out loud to others?

4. Read Acts 4:13-14. What made Peter and John's testimony difficult for the council to dismiss? What do you think Luke means when he says the leaders "recognized that they had been with Jesus"? Read Matthew 7:16-20. How can a Christian's character and relationships give credibility (or take credibility away) from the message we proclaim? What kind of change in your own life would you most want people around you to recognize as evidence that Christ is at work in you?

5. Peter and John say, "we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). What does that statement suggest about the difference between Christianity as obligation and Christianity as testimony? Where do you feel the most pressure to stay quiet about Jesus in your life today?

6. Look again at the healed man's role throughout the passage. He says nothing in this scene, yet his presence becomes powerful evidence that something real has happened. In what ways can a changed life sometimes speak before we ever open our mouths? At the same time, why are both a credible life and a spoken explanation of the gospel necessary?

### NEXT STEPS

*The gospel does not need our fearlessness; it needs our faithfulness.*

- **FACE THE TRUTH.** I will respond honestly to God's truth and not make excuses.
- **DEPEND ON THE SPIRIT.** I will depend on the Spirit's presence rather than my own confidence when I feel unprepared or afraid.
- **LIVE THE PROOF.** I will examine whether my character, relationships, and daily choices support the message I say I believe and proclaim.
- **TELL THE STORY.** I will remind myself that following Jesus is a testimony and not an obligation, especially when it costs me something.

### CLOSING THE SESSION

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

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you courage to stand for the truth and a life so visibly changed by Christ that it needs not argument.
- 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 14 **Acts 4:1-4**  
September 15 **Daniel 3:13-18**  
September 16 **Acts 4:5-12**  
September 17 **John 14:1-6**

September 18 **Acts 4:13-14**  
September 19 **Acts 4:15-22**  
September 20 **Psalms 113:1-9**