

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.

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Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.

What Comes Out?

ACTS 4:23-37

Unstoppable: A Sermon Series Through the Book of Acts

Part 2: The Church Under Fire

September 20, 2026 | Ptr. Nic Sy

SERMON NOTES

When pressure comes, what does it reveal about us?

I. PRESSURE REVEALS OUR FIRST INSTINCT.

Pressure reveals whether God's sovereignty is merely something we believe intellectually or something we stand on when life shakes.

Reflect: When pressure enters your life, what tends to come out first?

II. PRESSURE REVEALS OUR PRIORITY.

Biblical boldness is the freedom to speak truthfully about Jesus when fear gives you every reason to be quiet.

Reflect: Are you spending your courage on the right battles?

III. PRESSURE REVEALS WHAT WE ARE WILLING TO LOSE FOR GOD

Grace loosens the grip of people who know they already belong to Christ.

If grace has given us everything we ultimately need in Christ, then we don't have to live as though our security depends on gripping everything in our hands.

Reflect: If pressure hits your income, your health, or your security tomorrow — would your hands close, or would they open?

“WHAT COMES OUT?”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of September 21-27, 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.

We all have that one "emergency" item we keep somewhere "just in case," even if it has been there for years. What is your most ridiculous emergency item, and what does it say about your desire to be prepared?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Acts 4:23-37

1. Where did Peter and John go the moment they're released, and what did the believers do the instant they hear the news? What does it tell you about the early church's first move to gather and pray "together" rather than each person processing it alone? What does that suggest about the kind of community they'd already been building before this crisis ever hit?

2. Read Psalms 2:1-6 and then look again at how the believers quote it in Acts 4:25-28. How does reading the original psalm change the way you hear their prayer? Why do you think their instinct, faced with real danger, was to reach for an old psalm about God's sovereignty rather than to invent a new argument on the spot? What specific Bible verses, promises, or truths have you been intentionally "soaking" in lately that you can rely on when the pressure hits?

3. What is surprising about what the believers ask God for after being threatened? What does their prayer say about the difference between asking for comfort and asking for boldness? Are there situations where Christians need to "choose the right battle" and how can we distinguish between defending our preferences and standing firm in obedience to Jesus?

4. How would you describe biblical boldness based on this passage? How is boldness different from being loud, argumentative, or confrontational? Share a recent situation where you had the opportunity to show spiritual boldness, and reflect on how you responded or how you wish you had responded.

5. The believers are filled with the Holy Spirit again (v31). What does that repeated filling suggest about how the Christian life actually works day to day? Does that comfort you or challenge you? Why is it important that the church's boldness came from the Spirit rather than from personality or natural courage? How does that encourage you?

6. Luke says both that the apostles testified "*with great power*" and that "*great grace was upon them all.*" How did that grace become visible in the way believers treated one another? What do we learn from Barnabas about seeing our possessions, time, abilities, or opportunities as resources entrusted by God rather than treasures merely to protect? What might "great grace" look like in your life today?

NEXT STEPS

God is not just interested in changing what comes out of us but also in what fills us.

- **LOOK UP.** I will turn first to God when pressure rises, remembering that the threat is never bigger than the Sovereign Lord.
- **SPEAK UP.** I will choose faithfulness over comfort and ask God for boldness when silence would be easier.
- **OPEN UP.** I will hold my resources with open hands and look for ways where what God has given me can become grace to someone else.
- **FILL UP.** I will depend on the Holy Spirit, asking God to shape what is inside me so that what comes out under pressure looks more like Jesus.

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 fill you so deeply that when pressure comes, you respond with prayer, boldness, generosity, and a life that looks increasingly like Jesus.
- 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 21 **Acts 4:23-31**

September 22 **Psalms 2:1-12**

September 23 **Exodus 19:16-20**

September 24 **Acts 4:32-37**

September 25 **Philippians 1:12-20**

September 26 **2 Corinthians 8:1-9**

September 27 **Psalms 114:1-8**