

# 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!

## Youth Ministry Resumption

All youth! Get ready to ignite your passion and fuel your faith as the **Paragon Youth Ministry** kicks off its fellowship once again on **February 8, 2025!** Let's make this year unforgettable together!

## Newcomers Orientation

New to our church? We'd love to connect with you! Join us for a **Newcomers Orientation** on **February 15, 2025**, at 7 PM at our Center. It's a great opportunity to learn more about us, meet new friends, and discover how you can get involved.

## How can we pray for you?

It is a privilege to pray for you! You may send your prayer requests by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our FB 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, 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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## LIVING OUT OUR INHERITANCE

The King Has Come: The Start of Something New (Series)  
Pastor Nic Sy | February 2, 2025 | Mark 1:9-13

### SERMON NOTES

*Our spiritual inheritance comes with a purpose. We are not just passive recipients; we are called to live out this inheritance in a way that honors God.*

Three distinctives about this inheritance:

#### I. BELOVED (Mark 1:9-11)

*We don't have to strive for God's love; we already have it. We don't have to earn a place in his family; we've already been adopted.*

*God's love for us precedes our actions.*

*"To be a Christian means not only to believe that Christ is who he is but also to believe that I am who he says I am." - John Ortberg*

#### II. BATTLE (Mark 1:12; Job 23:10; Genesis 22:12)

*"Drove" (Greek ekballo) means "to cast out, to drive out, to send out, to expel."*

*In his sovereignty, God leads us into times of testing.*

*God doesn't test us to destroy us; he tests us to strengthen and prepare us.*

*God doesn't send us into trials without his presence.*

#### III. BREAKTHROUGH (Mark 1:13; Matthew 4:1-11)

*"The Word of God is the only sword that can cut through the lies of the enemy and bring victory to your soul." - A.W. Tozer*

*Our reliance in the Scriptures is a direct expression of our reliance in God himself.*

*"A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't." - Charles Spurgeon*

### ENDING THOUGHT

*You are Beloved. You are equipped for the Battle. And you have the promise of Breakthrough through Christ.*



**SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE**  
For the week of February 3–9, 2025  
“LIVING OUT OUR INHERITANCE”

## 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's the longest you've ever gone without modern technology? What were the positives and negatives of the experience?

## Group Discussion

Read Mark 1:9-13

1. Compare Jesus' baptism in Mark 1:9–11 with the account in Matthew 4:1–11. What similarities and differences do you observe? What do we learn about Jesus' identity in this event? How does Jesus' baptism connect with our baptism (see Romans 6:3–4)?
2. What was the significance of the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus like a dove? Why do you think the Spirit *drove* Jesus into the wilderness rather than gently leading him there? What does this tell us about the role of the Spirit in testing?
3. Mark's account is brief, but Matthew 4:1–11 gives more details about Jesus' temptation. What were the specific temptations Jesus faced, and how did he respond? Which of the three temptations (physical needs, testing God, or seeking power) do you struggle with the most? Why?
4. How does Psalms 91:11–12 relate to Satan's misuse of Scripture in Matthew 4:6? What does this teach us about interpreting Scripture correctly? Did he use Scripture to trick Jesus? Or did he have another agenda/motive?

5. Jesus was publicly affirmed by the Father before facing temptation. How does knowing that we are loved by God help us stand firm in times of testing? Have you ever experienced a “wilderness” season in life — a time of difficulty, isolation, or testing? How did you see God's presence in that time?

6. Read Hebrews 4:15. How does Jesus' temptation in the wilderness contribute to his ability to sympathize with our weaknesses?

7. The text tells us that even Jesus as the Son of God (Mark 1:1) was not exempt from temptation. Does this scare you? How is this text meant to encourage you?

## Next Steps

*Our spiritual inheritance comes with a purpose. We are not just passive recipients; we are called to live out this inheritance in a way that honors God.*

- I will live out my identity as a child of God.
- I will put my trust in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, especially in times of trials and temptation.
- I will let the Word of God be my guide and source of wisdom.

## Closing the Session

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

- Pray for courage and confidence to live as a child of God, trusting in the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen you in all things.
- 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

February 3 **Isaiah 42:1-4**  
February 4 **Titus 1:1-4**  
February 5 **1 Corinthians 10:12-14**  
February 6 **Romans 8:35-39**  
February 7 **Psalms 18:29-32**  
February 8 **Psalms 43:1-5**  
February 9 **Isaiah 55:10-11**