

## PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

### LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

**Sermon Date: 24/01/2021**

**Text(s): Song of Solomon 7**

**Sermon Title: Made A Princess!**

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

### **READ (5 mins)**

#### **Song of Solomon 7 (NASB95)**

**1** “How beautiful are your feet in sandals, O prince’s daughter! The curves of your hips are like jewels, The work of the hands of an artist.

**2** “Your navel is *like* a round goblet Which never lacks mixed wine; Your belly is like a heap of wheat Fenced about with lilies.

**3** “Your two breasts are like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle.

**4** “Your neck is like a tower of ivory, Your eyes *like* the pools in Heshbon By the gate of Bath-rabbim; Your nose is like the tower of Lebanon, Which faces toward Damascus.

**5** “Your head crowns you like Carmel, And the flowing locks of your head are like purple threads; *The* king is captivated by *your* tresses.

**6** “How beautiful and how delightful you are, *My* love, with *all* your charms!

**7** “Your stature is like a palm tree, And your breasts are *like its* clusters.

**8** “I said, ‘I will climb the palm tree, I will take hold of its fruit stalks.’ Oh, may your breasts be like clusters of the vine, And the fragrance of your breath like apples,

**9** And your mouth like the best wine!” “It goes *down* smoothly for my beloved, Flowing gently *through* the lips of those who fall asleep.

**10** “I am my beloved’s, And his desire is for me.

**11** “Come, my beloved, let us go out into the country, Let us spend the night in the villages.

**12** “Let us rise early *and go* to the vineyards; Let us see whether the vine has budded *And its* blossoms have opened, *And whether* the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give you my love.

**13** “The mandrakes have given forth fragrance; And over our doors are all choice *fruits*, Both new and old, Which I have saved up for you, my beloved.

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. The early church fathers saw the Song of Solomon as the love poem between the Lord Jesus and the Church. Old Testament scholars see it as the relationship between God and Israel. As New Testament believers we continue to see it as an expression of love between Jesus Christ and the Church. Has your relationship with the Lord Jesus deepened since the start of this sermon series? Or maybe your relationship with Jesus has become more intimate and meaningful? Please share how this sermon series has touched you.**

**2. Here is the outline of the Song of Solomon to give us an overview of the book:**

- I. Title, 1:1
- II. The Courtship, 1:2–3:5
- III. The Procession for the Marriage, 3:6–11
- IV. The Consummation of the Marriage, 4:1–5:1
- V. The Honeymoon is Over, 5:2–6:13
- VI. The Marriage Deepens, 7:1–8:4
- VII. The Maturity of Love, 8:5–14

**Somewhere between chapters 3 and 4 the marriage took place. Marriage is a covenant. The Shulamite woman went from being an ordinary country girl to being a royalty after marrying the king. How does this relate to us Christians today, from appearance to identity?**

**3. The king says, “How beautiful are your feet in sandals.” The father in the story of the Prodigal Son instructed that sandals be brought to his son after the son came back home (see Luke 15:22). What is the significance of giving sandals to the son? What is the meaning of the Shulamite woman wearing sandals? And what does this mean to all of us believers?**

**REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect and apply God’s word to our daily lives)

- 1. Read Song of Solomon 7:2–3 again. Hips. Legs. Navel. Breasts. We are embarrassed when we read these verses purely from a physical perspective. But everything means differently when we read them from a spiritual perspective. God has made us beautiful and with strong legs and hips to stand firm in times of shaking. And the twin fawns of God’s Word and God’s Spirit come to nurture us. Is it possible for us to be strong and steady spiritually if we only have one of the two fawns? Discuss what it would be like to have only one of either the Word or the Spirit of God. Have you been there before yourself? If you have, please share your experience with the group.**
- 2. An amazing fact about the palm tree is that the older trees are more productive than younger trees. God’s people can be more productive as they mature and become older. But can this be a guarantee of us humans? What are the important factors that must be in place for us to mature and become more productive as we age?**

**REST (15 mins)**

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to have a longing for the presence of God with a determination to make time to be alone with the Lord Jesus in prayer and personal devotion.
- Pray for our church to be a more mature people of God as we grow older as a community, and to be more productive in the different ministries as empowered by the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.