

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): 2 Corinthians 1 – 2:4

Sermon Title: God Comforts

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

READ (5 mins)

2 Corinthians 1:1–11 (ESV)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the church of God that is at Corinth, with all the saints who are in the whole of Achaia:

2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

4 who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5 For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.

6 If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer.

7 Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself.

9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead.

10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.

11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The Corinthian church was divided. They focused on the visual and external. What really were some of these issues that caused division among them? What can we do to avoid having these pains ourselves?**
- 2. In 2 Corinthians, Paul continued to address the problem of division because the Corinthians were still divided. On top of that, some began to reject Paul's position and authority as their apostle. This time, Paul brought their attention to their**

relationship with God the Father. Why do you think Paul took this approach and how do we connect with Father God?

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. While some find it amazing that we can approach God as Father to receive comfort, others find that a difficult thing to do because they see God as an all-powerful judge, one who punishes the wicked. How has God demonstrated that He does care about our pain and is capable of comforting us?**

- 2. We often say we are blessed to be a blessing. Can we also receive comfort so that we can be a source of comfort to others? What does it take for us to be a source of comfort to others?**

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 monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to be quick to run to Father God to receive His comfort when we are in pain and to also receive His wisdom that we may learn from the things we experience in life.

- Pray for our life groups and our church that we will be a source of comfort to those we know or meet who are struggling one way or another. We are a city of refuge.

- 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.