

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 12/02/2023

Text(s): 2 Corinthians 4:7—12

Sermon Title: Treasure In Jars of Clay

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

READ (5 mins)

2 Corinthians 4:7–12 (NKJV)

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.

8 *We are* hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.

11 For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

12 So then death is working in us, but life in you.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Earthen vessels are jars of clay. Apostle Paul says we are all jars of clay. People often talk about how it is important to have a strong self-esteem. How can we have a strong self-esteem if we see ourselves as mere jars of clay? From the sermon, what is it about us that is truly precious?**
- 2. The results of us having the Holy Spirit living in us include being empowered by the gifts of the Spirit, enabled to grow in the fruit of the Spirit, and being born again to be sons of the good Father. Of these three, name one that you understand and share what you understand about it. Name one that you don't understand much and share why you don't know much about it.**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **Anyone among us went through some very difficult situations last year or the year before? If you came through those situations in good stead, what can you say about those times?**

2. **Anyone among us went through difficult situations the last two years and didn't fare very well? Are you discouraged? Can we learn something from 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 and 1 Corinthians 10:13?**

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 have the true desire to live as children and heirs of God where we are empowered by the gifts of the Spirit and growing in the fruit of the Spirit.

- Pray for our life groups and our church to be an overcoming people strong in the Spirit of God no matter what challenge we face in life.

- 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.