

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

*LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 19/02/2023**

**Text(s): 2 Corinthians 5:7—6:12**

**Sermon Title: Built To Last**

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

## **READ (5 mins)**

### **2 Corinthians 5:1–17 (ESV)**

**1** For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

**2** For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,

**3** if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.

**4** For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

**5** He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

**6** So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,

**7** for we walk by faith, not by sight.

**8** Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

**9** So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

**10** For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

**11** Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience.

**12** We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart.

**13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

**14** For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died;

**15** and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer.

**17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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

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

1. **We have a limited time on earth as human beings. The Seychelles giant tortoise and bowhead whale live longer than human beings. The world average life span is 69.8 years for men and 74.9 years for women. What gives you the most pain in your time on earth? What gives you the most hope as you look at your relationship with God?**
2. **So, because we have hope in Christ, we can live by faith and not by sight. Because our hope is in Christ, we aim to please God with our lives. How do you understand this phrase, “live by faith, not by sight”? And how do we please God with our lives?**

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

1. **We can use our time here on earth in many ways and for a variety of purposes. Paul used his time to build relationships with people and with God (see vv.11—15). How did Paul build relationships with people and with God? How can we do the same as a life group?**
2. **The preacher asked an important question: Who or what are we representing in our lives? This brings us to a closer look at our time, relationships and convictions. What are these convictions that the preacher mentioned? What do we do if we do not have the same convictions?**

### **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 willing to repent in God’s terms and not in our own terms concerning how we use our time and handle our relationships.
- Pray for our life groups and our church to be true representations and ambassadors of Christ Jesus.
- 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.