

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 06/03/2022

Text(s): Nehemiah 1:1–4, 11b

Sermon Title: Nehemiah The Cupbearer Of The King

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

READ (5 mins)

Nehemiah 1:1–4 (NKJV)

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. It came to pass in the month of Chislev, *in* the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the citadel,

2 that Hanani one of my brethren came with men from Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who had survived the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem.

3 And they said to me, “The survivors who are left from the captivity in the province *are* there in great distress and reproach. The wall of Jerusalem *is* also broken down, and its gates *are* burned with fire.”

4 So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned *for many* days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:11b (NKJV)

11 ...For I was the king’s cupbearer.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Nehemiah was a cupbearer to King Artaxerxes I of Persia. Do you remember the long history of Israel that led to the Jews being exiled far away from their beloved country? What can we learn from these major events in Jewish history?**
- 2. One of the two important questions presented is: Why were the Persians so sympathetic to the cause of the Jewish people? What was the explanation given to this? What was the critical thing that God did that paved the way for it?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **The story of Esther is a story familiar to many of us. How could a little Jewish girl grow up and rise to be the Queen of the Persian empire and become the mother of the next king of this huge empire? And what about the story of the preacher hosting Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke at PLMC against all odds? What do you see in all this?**

2. **The preacher shared that In 2014, he was going through a period of great discouragement and opposition to his ministry, including the sense of being betrayed. The pressure was great and there were many times that he did not know what to do. What can we learn from their experiences? What do you think were some things he had to overcome within himself before the Lord could bless him? What do you think were the things that Esther had to overcome within herself before she could become the Queen of Persia?**

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 let go of their situations to God's mighty hand and control.

- Pray for our church to be a people who are ready to surrender their lives to God's sovereignty and believe that the impossible can become possible with God.

- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and to stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.