

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 12/03/2023

Text(s): 2 Corinthians 10 – 11:15

Sermon Title: Every Thought Captive To Christ

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

READ (5 mins)

2 Corinthians 10:1–12 (ESV)

1 I, Paul, myself entreat you, by the meekness and gentleness of Christ—I who am humble when face to face with you, but bold toward you when I am away!—

2 I beg of you that when I am present I may not have to show boldness with such confidence as I count on showing against some who suspect us of walking according to the flesh.

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

7 Look at what is before your eyes. If anyone is confident that he is Christ's, let him remind himself that just as he is Christ's, so also are we.

8 For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed.

9 I do not want to appear to be frightening you with my letters.

10 For they say, "His letters are weighty and strong, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account."

11 Let such a person understand that what we say by letter when absent, we do when present.

12 Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Can you recall a battle you fought in that you later realized was not worth fighting for? What about one where you had full conviction in and you fought all the way until you won? Share one that you can remember and even learned something from.**
- 2. When we have a strong thought or opinion, it often becomes an argument. It is then expressed with aggressive words. Why does this happen? How did the preacher explain “the nature of our thoughts”, and what is the truth about our thoughts that we must recognize?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. Planet Earth has seen many wars come and go, and some are going on right this moment. Yet there is a war that has been going on every single day even during times of peace. What is this war? How do we fight this war and gain victory?**
- 2. If we are ready to submit every single thought to Christ, how can we tell if we are winning or not? What are some areas we need to observe so that we may gauge ourselves if we are doing well or not?**

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 humility to submit every single thought to the authority of Christ, to be ready to surrender to Christ fully and unconditionally.
- Pray for our life groups and our church to be a people who will overcome by God’s divine power and be consistent in our love and obedience.
- 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.