

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



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Text(s): Mark 2:1–12

Sermon Title: What a Beautiful Name!

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

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

Mark 2:1–12 (ESV)

1 And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.

2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them.

3 And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.

4 And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay.

5 And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, **“Son, your sins are forgiven.”**

6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts,

7 “Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, **“Why do you question these things in your hearts?**

9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?

10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic—

11 **“I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home.”**

12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!”



REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

- 1. In this sermon, the preacher shared from 4 perspectives before showing us the big picture. The first is the perspective of The Interested (vv1–2). This is the perspective of the crowd that turned up to see and hear Jesus. How have you “turned up” to see/hear what God is doing during this Covid-19 season? Whether you’ve been listening to sermons or reading books and articles, please share how you’ve been hearing God and the understanding you’ve gained in the process.**
- 2. The second perspective is from The Faith-filled Friends (vv3–5). Their faith is that Jesus would definitely heal their paralytic friend. To them, opening the roof of the house was neither a reckless act nor a price too big to pay. So the question here for us is how have we been a faith-filled friend to another person? How have we seized the opportunities to bring God’s healing to others?**
- 3. The third perspective is the perspective of The Distracted (vv6–7). This refers to the scribes who were critical of Jesus. They did not believe that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God. Have we been caught up in controversies and arguments related to the pandemic that turned our attention from God’s Word to conspiracy theories and accusations that are not helpful? How can we avoid becoming distracted?**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher said, “Forgiveness is the greatest miracle.” The fourth perspective is the perspective of The Touched. We believers are all included in this category. We are among those who have been touched by the love, mercy and forgiveness of God. Please share with us one way God has touched you in the last 3 months.**
- 2. The Big Picture of Mark 2:1–12 is all were amazed and glorified God. As you listen to the stories shared by the preacher and the testimonies shared by one another, what conclusions are you drawing in your heart about God and about Jesus the Christ?**

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 weekly guide)



- Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us not to be distracted but to remain focused and to remain in faith and to lead us to opportunities to bless and encourage others.

- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support or financial support. Continue to pray for those in Singapore infected with Covid-19 to come to full recovery.

- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.