

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 05/06/2022

Text(s): Ephesians 6:10–18

Sermon Title: Experiencing the Power of Prayer in Community

Preacher: Rev Stanley Chua

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

READ (5 mins)

Ephesians 6:10–18 (NIV84)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

11 Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher began his sermon by sharing his experience of a direct demonic attack that took place in 2018. Do you have a similar experience where it was clearly a demonic attack? If you have, how did it happen and how did you handle it?**
- 2. Apostle Paul highlighted the existence of spiritual forces of evil in Eph 6:12. What other bible passages point to the existence of demons? Let's look for a few together.**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **The preacher made a very important statement, "We don't escape spiritual warfare simply because we choose not to believe that it exists or because we refuse to fight it." What do you think might happen to us if we choose not to believe that demons exists or refuse to engage in spiritual warfare?**

2. **One way we can protect ourselves is to put on the Armor of God. What is this armor and how do we put it on?**

3. **The second way we protect ourselves from the evil one is by praying for one another (community prayer). How can we encourage one another to pray together besides praying individually? How should we pray when we come together to pray?**

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 spiritually vigilant and to be devoted in praying for the church, for one another and for ourselves.

- Pray for our church to be a people who will be committed to praying together every time we come together, whether in our life group meetings or in our ministry meetings.

- 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.