

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 15/08/2021

Text(s): Acts 4:1-22

Sermon Title: F.O.C.

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

READ (5 mins)

Acts 4:1-22 (ESV)

1 And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them,

2 greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening.

4 But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

5 On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem,

6 with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?"

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders,

9 if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed,

10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well.

11 This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

12 And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

14 But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition.

15 But when they had commanded them to leave the council, they conferred with one another,

16 saying, "What shall we do with these men? For that a notable sign has been performed through them is evident to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it.

17 But in order that it may spread no further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to anyone in this name."

- 18** So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.
- 19** But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,
- 20** for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”
- 21** And when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding no way to punish them, because of the people, for all were praising God for what had happened.
- 22** For the man on whom this sign of healing was performed was more than forty years old.

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. From the sermon, the preacher spoke about 3 characteristics of being “Followers of Christ”. The first characteristic is to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Discuss what being filled with the Holy Spirit means and how it is reflected in Peter and John in the passage.**
- 2. In verse 7, the priests, the Sanhedrin inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” (cf Acts 3:1-10). What was their real intent? Discuss how Peter responded and the basis of his response.**
- 3. What was the 3rd characteristics of F.O.C the preacher spoke about? Discuss how this is reflected in the passage and the contrast between the Sanhedrin and Peter and John.
(cf. Acts 1:8)**

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. Share your experience of a time when your authority (home, workplace, church, etc) was challenged. How did you respond and what was the basis of your response? Were you encouraged that your actions were right or felt you could have done better?**
- 2. Share how you have experienced or witnessed God’s power in the past. Did you share it or were you a bit cynical or choose to ignore it or were indifferent to it?**

3. Do you think it is easy to be a follower of Christ? Do you think you qualify?

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 filled with the Holy Spirit, to have the joy of the Lord whatever the circumstance, and to know Christ personally and intimately.
- *Pray for our church to be united, that we are Pentecost to our community and to the nations, that we carry the Presence of God, the Power of God through the Holy Spirit, the Peace of God and continue to fulfil the Purposes of God.*
- 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.