

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Song of Solomon 1:2–8

Sermon Title: Intimacy Regained

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

READ (5 mins)

Song of Solomon 1:2–8 (NKJV)

2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth— For your love *is* better than wine.

3 Because of the fragrance of your good ointments, Your name *is* ointment poured forth; Therefore the virgins love you.

4 Draw me away! We will run after you. The king has brought me into his chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will remember your love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.

5 I *am* dark, but lovely, O daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like the curtains of Solomon.

6 Do not look upon me, because I *am* dark, Because the sun has tanned me. My mother's sons were angry with me; They made me the keeper of the vineyards, *But* my own vineyard I have not kept.

7 Tell me, O you whom I love, Where you feed *your flock*, Where you make *it* rest at noon. For why should I be as one who veils herself By the flocks of your companions?

8 If you do not know, O fairest among women, Follow in the footsteps of the flock, And feed your little goats Beside the shepherds' tents.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. This is sermon number 2 in the series on Song of Solomon. To refresh our memory, what are the two approaches to reading this book and who are the three main characters here?**
- 2. Verses 5 & 6 indicate that the Shulamite woman felt bad about her tanned skin, the result of spending much time under the sun, making her look dark. If we take the natural approach in reading this, we can talk about how beauty is found in all women regardless of their skin colour. What if we take the spiritual approach in reading this? What beautiful truths can we see if we take the spiritual perspective?**

3. **Since we are taking the spiritual approach in our study of the Song of Solomon, and we're now talking about sin and righteousness, according to God's Word, how do we become righteous? And how can we consider ourselves righteous when even as Christians of many years, we continue to falter sometimes?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **The Shulamite woman said her brothers were angry with her and mistreated her (v6). How do we handle people who are angry with us and maybe even mistreat us? Since we are the righteousness of God in Christ, in what way can our response reflect more of the nature and character of Christ?**
2. **Lastly, the Shulamite woman said she did not take care of her own vineyard. In taking care of her brothers' vineyards, she had neglected her own. Verse 7 tells us how she looked for her lover again. Verse 8 gives us Solomon's response to her. How have you been taking care of your own vineyard in order to maintain intimacy with God? Do share some of the ways you keep your relationship with God.**

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 one another to encounter Christ intimately that the fire of the Holy Spirit may come upon all of us and revive us deeply and powerfully.
- Pray for our church to be a community that reflects the priorities of the Kingdom of God, one that knows the Word and the Heart of God.
- Pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.