

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

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Text(s): Song of Songs 4:1–7

Sermon Title: You Are Beautiful

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

READ (5 mins)

Song of Solomon 4:1–7 (NKJV)

1 Behold, you *are* fair, my love! Behold, you *are* fair! You *have* dove's eyes behind your veil. Your hair *is* like a flock of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead.

2 Your teeth *are* like a flock of shorn *sheep* Which have come up from the washing, Every one of which bears twins, And none *is* barren among them.

3 Your lips *are* like a strand of scarlet, And your mouth is lovely. Your temples behind your veil *Are* like a piece of pomegranate.

4 Your neck *is* like the tower of David, Built for an armory, On which hang a thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty men.

5 Your two breasts *are* like two fawns, Twins of a gazelle, Which feed among the lilies.

6 Until the day breaks And the shadows flee away, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh And to the hill of frankincense.

7 You *are* all fair, my love, And *there is* no spot in you.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. We continue to take the spiritual approach to read Song of Solomon. In v1, King Solomon says to the Shulamite woman that her eyes are like dove eyes. Doves are known to be able to find their way home from thousands of miles away. We are to be able to find our way home to God when we go astray. What are some reasons Christians go astray sometimes? And if we ever go astray, how can we find our way back to God?**
- 2. One very interesting fact about doves is that they are monogamous. This means they will stay with their partner for life. A male dove will stay with his mate for life and even help to incubate their eggs. It will not fly around looking for another mate even after the eggs have hatched. What virtue do we see in this? What can we learn from this as we live out our spiritual relationship with the Lord Jesus?**

3. **Solomon says the hair of the Shulamite woman is like a flock of goats. A flock of what?! So strange to compare a woman's hair to that of goats, isn't it? But hair is given to a woman as her covering, as a sign of authority and submission. As God's people, we are under His authority. Is submitting to God's authority a difficult thing? Do you struggle with submission to authority?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **Chapter 4 is full of symbolism. Symbolism is a powerful learning tool. Teeth like a flock of shorn ewes. Lips like a scarlet thread. What can these two symbols point us to in our spiritual lives?**
2. **Let's discuss one more symbol – the Shulamite woman's temples. And her temples are red like a slice of pomegranate. Our temples are positioned near the brain and speak of our thinking. Do you remember from the sermon the significance of our temples being red in colour?**

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 be able to comprehend in our hearts what God is saying to us through this book called Song of Songs so that we might live in the love and power of God and the destiny He has for each one of us.
- Pray for our church to be a community that cares about those around us who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
- 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.