

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 14/11/2021

Text(s): Genesis 45:1–8

Sermon Title: God Has A Plan

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

READ (5 mins)

Genesis 45:1–8 (NIV84)

1 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, “Have everyone leave my presence!” So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.

2 And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh’s household heard about it.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

5 And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

6 For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will not be plowing and reaping.

7 But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. This week’s sermon is based on the story of Joseph. The preacher noted that we can have our share of blessing and still be jealous of the blessing God gives to another child of God. What are some reasons why we get jealous of others when we are also blessed ourselves?**

- 2. If jealousy is such a common thing, why don’t we just let it be? What would happen if we allow jealousy to run unbridled and unchecked?**

3. **The preacher said we can learn from Joseph's mistake, that we should not be quick to share our dreams and visions with others. Do you agree or disagree with this and why?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **Have you ever done something significant for another person but that person totally forgot about you after that? Have you experienced being "forgotten" by an organization after making many contributions there? How did you respond and what did you learn from that experience?**
2. **Is there a difficult situation in your life right now that you're trying to comprehend why it is happening to you? Where do you think God is in all that you're going through?**

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 patient when we go through difficult situations. Pray that we would draw closer to God more than ever before, that we would not despair or wallow in self-pity when faced with unpleasant challenges.
- Pray for our church to be a people full of love, that we would rejoice with those who rejoice, that we would reject the spirit of resentment and of jealousy.
- 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.