

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 21/11/2021

Text(s): Genesis 32:22–32

Sermon Title: Stewardship: Prayer

Preacher: Ps Isaac Tan

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

READ (5 mins)

Genesis 32:22–32 (ESV)

22 The same night he arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.

23 He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had.

24 And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day.

25 When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

27 And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

28 Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

29 Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

31 The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

32 Therefore to this day the people of Israel do not eat the sinew of the thigh that is on the hip socket, because he touched the socket of Jacob's hip on the sinew of the thigh.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. A major point in the sermon is that prayer is not a monologue but a dialogue. Are your prayers more a monologue or a dialogue? Please share how you pray and how you learned to pray like that.**

- 2. The preacher said we are never isolated, but surrounded by God. What are some things that make us feel isolated? How might this truth speak to you during those times you felt isolated?**

3. Since we are always surrounded by God, when we approach God in prayer He is already by our side. Sometimes this can feel overwhelming. How did you understand the point that we are not consumed in the presence of God but renewed?

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. The preacher noted that part of being renewed is that we come face to face with our sins. Our past sins may have been forgiven. What happens to our *current sin*, that is, sin we committed recently that we have yet to confront? How would you apply what we've learned from the sermon thus far into your current position?
2. The final point of the sermon is we are constrained but reliant. What are some life circumstances that make you feel constrained? What does *relying on God* mean and how is that actually done?

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 have real encounters with the presence of God where we hear Him and not only speak to him, where our prayers are a dialogue and not a monologue.
- Pray for our church to be a people who are reliant on God even as we face different constraints, that we would not be fearful of the future but cling on to Jesus in faith.
- 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.