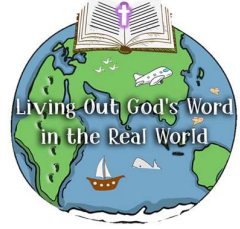


**PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**  
*LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*



**Sermon Date: 03/03/2019**

**Text/s: Habakkuk 2:4**

**Title: The Righteous Shall Live By Faith**

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

**READ (5 mins)**

(Read the Bible text/s, quietly or aloud)

**REFLECT (30 mins)**

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text/s)

1. Read Habakkuk 1:1-4. Imagine you are Habakkuk's friend. How would you encourage him? Would you share with him Rom 8:28 (or some other verses which you think are relevant) or would you encourage him to express his anger and frustrations at God? Why? What are the advantages and disadvantages of both approaches? If you are Habakkuk, which one would you prefer? Explain.

2. In Habakkuk 2:4, God told the prophet that the righteous shall live by his faith. Why did God bring up the idea of righteousness? Read Habakkuk 1:12-13, and discuss how the two passages relate.

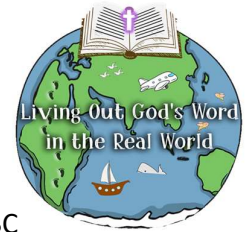
3. Read Habakkuk 3:17. Habakkuk imagined crop failure and loss of livestock during the Babylonian invasion. But the memory of how God delivered Israel out of the hands of the Egyptians kept Habakkuk's spirit up (cf 3:2-16). What are some fears Christians today face and what can help us persevere in our faith, and even praise God (3:18-19)?

**Additional Question:**

4. Habakkuk 2:4 should more accurately read as "the righteous shall live by his **faithfulness**". What is the relationship between faith and faithfulness?

**RELATE (30 min RELATE (30 mins)**

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



1. Babylon ruled over Judah for about 45 to 50 years until around 539 BC when Babylon was defeated by Persia. During the period of rule, the sins of the Babylonians would have been in full display before the eyes of the people of Judah: greed from economic exploitation and unjust gains (cf. 2:6-11), murder (cf. 2:12), debauchery e.g. drunkenness and depravity of Canaanite customs (cf. 2:15-16) and idolatry e.g. superstition (cf. 2:18-19). However, the righteous shall live by faith (2:4). Relate the sins of Babylon with the sins of our own Singaporean society. Share what living by faith (and faithfulness) means for you?
  
2. Have you ever had times of crisis when you felt God's help and blessing? Take a few minutes to recall and share one event with your group. Testify how God has helped and blessed you. End with prayers of thanksgiving. If you never have such experiences, think about your fears and share one dreaded fear (actual or imagined) with the group. Pray for one another that the fear will not happen and for faith in God's love should we have to face the fear.

**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)