

PMC SERMON "LIVE IT OUT" GUIDE

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Title: Derailed

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Series: Hear and Remember

[For Group Leaders: The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

1. SERMON RECAP

(Visit pmc.org.sg to listen to the sermon and download a copy of the Powerpoint slides)

- a. Principle #1 - God desires to bless us and He has a purpose for our lives (Deut 28:1-10)
- b. Principle #2 - We get derailed when we disobey and forsake God (Deut 28:15-20)
 - A curse is God's denunciation of sin and judgment on sin
 - Consequences of sin and disobedience
 - Wherever the sinner goes, the curse of God follows him
 - Whatever the sinner has is under a curse
 - Whatever the sinner does is under a curse
- c. Principle #3 - God provides a way back to be reconciled and restored (Deut 30:1-3)
- d. Principle #4 - [Our Response] Accept and return to Jesus as your Lord and King

2. LIVE IT OUT

- a. Quoting from the sermon: *"The Israelites did not choose the curses per se, they chose the sweet instances of disobedience which gratify their own desires."*
 - Can you recall a similar experience in your own life?
 - What were the consequences?
 - How did it impact your relationship with God?
- b. Are you facing some difficult circumstances? Do you see them as problems that need removing, or possible ways for God to change your heart and align you back to Him?
- c. The hideousness of sin and its consequences should cause us to avoid it at all costs. The trouble is that sin is always so enticing because its appeal tends to obscure its wretchedness

and cost. How can you make sure you hear and remember God's Word so that you do not get caught in the enticements of sin?

3. REFLECT AND PRAY

- a. *"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"* (Matthew 7:3)
We may be quick to point out others' sin but fail to see our own disobedience against God. Sin can harden our hearts and cause us to be blind to the truth of God's Word.
Pray Psalm 139:23-24
"Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."
- b. Pray for one another to be steadfast in hearing and remembering God's Word.
- c. Pray also for those who have yet to know Jesus Christ, who is the way and the truth and the life.

4. GOING DEEPER

- a. In Luke 15:11-32, how did both sons get derailed? Whose derailment was "more serious"? Do you think only the younger son received the blessings of the father? What about the older brother?
- b. Consider the prayer of Habakkuk, "In justice remember mercy." (Habakkuk 3:2).
How does God demonstrate both justice and mercy in His dealing with our sin and disobedience?
