

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 14/02/2021**

**Text(s): 1 Corinthians 13**

**Sermon Title: The Two Sides of Love**

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

### **READ (5 mins)**

#### **1 Corinthians 13 (ESV)**

**1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

**2** And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

**3** If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

**4** Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant

**5** or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;

**6** it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

**7** Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

**8** Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

**9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part,

**10** but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

**11** When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways.

**12** For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

**13** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

### **RELATE (30 mins)**

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

- 1. Love is in the air. Not too long ago we were talking about PDA (public display of affection). Last week the sermon touched briefly on discord at the church of Philippi. While today's society is more open to displaying love, discord has also increased. Why is this so? If we become more loving, why do we also become more contentious?**

2. **The preacher talked about the two sides of love, that love can produce both good fruit and bad fruit. That is, love can produce both good and evil fruits. How do you understand this? What did you learn from this differentiation of the two types of love? What can help to remove the contentious ways discussed in question #1 above?**
  
3. **Let's apply the "Love Litmus Test" (slide #7) to ourselves. Can you see when ungodly love might have masqueraded within you as godly love? Confess and consider how to rectify this.**

**REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

1. **Apply now the same love litmus test to the Christian community you are part of. Identify ungodly love pretending to be Christ-like love. How can we address and deal with this ungodly love together?**
  
2. **Faith looks back, Hope looks forward, and Love looks at every present moment. Which of these three do you need the most at this point of your life? And why?**

**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 have the heart of love that truly loves God and expresses it to one another in meaningful and impactful ways.
  
- Pray for our church to be a mature people of God and to be more productive in the different ministries as empowered by the Holy Spirit.
  
- 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.