

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 7/03/2021**

**Text(s): Philippians 1:19–26**

**Sermon Title: Ready to Die; Ready to Live**

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

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

#### **Philippians 1:19–26 (NLT)**

**19** For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

**20** For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die.

**21** For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.

**22** But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don't know which is better.

**23** I'm torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me.

**24** But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

**25** Knowing this, I am convinced that I will remain alive so I can continue to help all of you grow and experience the joy of your faith.

**26** And when I come to you again, you will have even more reason to take pride in Christ Jesus because of what he is doing through me.

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

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

- 1. Someone once said, "Every Christian wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die." Are you fearful of dying? If you're not afraid of death, do you worry about dying before you've lived a full life? If you are not afraid of death, why?**
- 2. Apostle Paul said for him to die is gain. He wasn't afraid of death. He demonstrated boldness in many ways, whether in confronting others who were wrong or facing death. What do you think gave Paul this degree of boldness? Does the bible passage for the sermon gives us any hint?**

3. **So, Apostle Paul dealt with the issue of being ashamed of Christ (v20). In Galatians 2:11–14, he confronted some believers, including Apostle Peter, who withdrew from fellowshiping with the Gentile believers as a result of the criticism of certain Jewish believers. What does it mean to be ashamed of Christ? How did this lead the Jewish believers to be ashamed of the Gentile believers?**

### **REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

1. **Paul was happy to continue living so that he could do more fruitful work. From the sermon, how could believers produce fruitful work? What example did Apostle Paul set for us? What did Paul have to say about this?**
2. **As we live for Christ, we can have pride in Christ. What does it mean to have pride in Christ? How is this different from other forms of pride? What would people who take pride in Christ do regularly and naturally?**

### **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 boldness to talk about Christ regularly and naturally, and not be ashamed of the power and authority of Christ.
- *Pray for our church to be a people who are not afraid to die for Christ while living life to the full, being filled with the fruit and the power of 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.