

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE



Sermon Date: 24/05/2020

Text(s): Hebrews 11:1; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:17-18

Title: Power of Aldersgate

Preacher: Rev Dr Naomi Dowdy

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

READ (5 mins)

(Read the Bible texts, quietly or aloud)

Hebrews 11:1 (ESV)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Romans 8:16 (ESV)

16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Ephesians 5:17–18 (ESV)

17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect on key themes and questions in the text)

1. **On the evening of May 24th 1738, John Wesley had a deep and indelible experience with the Holy Spirit that we often refer to as his *Aldersgate experience*. Of this encounter, he wrote in his journal that his heart was “strangely warmed”. The preacher explained that through that encounter, Wesley’s faith went from a form of assent to true saving faith. Can you identify with Wesley’s experience? Did you also have your own encounter with the Holy Spirit where your heart was strangely warmed? Do you also have a similar faith journey where your faith in Christ began with mental assent but later progressed to true saving faith, whether a few weeks later or a few years later?**
2. **John Wesley’s preaching about the Holy Spirit include these topics: Convicts unbelievers of lostness and sin; Provides the miracle of new birth; Christian life is under the influence of the Holy Spirit; Supernatural gifts did not cease; Assurance of salvation; To be filled is to be a living portrait of Christ; Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. Which of these topics would you say you need to study further, topics that you are still trying to grasp and understand?**

3. The preacher shared 3 main points that are in line with Wesley's teaching. They are Revelation Knowledge, Power for Purpose, and Prevailing Presence. Of these 3 points, name one that stood out for you and then share why.



RELATE (30 mins)

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

1. **God wants to give us His gift, the baptism of the Holy Spirit, so that we might live an effective and holy life. We all need a dynamic, personal encounter with the Holy Spirit. Have you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Did you follow along with the prayer of the preacher to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit? Please share with us what you experienced when you received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**
2. **A return to Wesley's Aldersgate experience is a return to Pentecost. It's more than just about speaking in tongues, but speaking in tongues leads us to surrender our spirit to the Spirit of God. Are you open to receiving the gift of speaking in tongues and to speak out as the Holy Spirit directs? Why or why not? And if you already do speak in tongues, share with us what the experience is like.**

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 a dynamic and personal relationship with the Holy Spirit every day of our lives.
- Pray for others in your family or circle of friends who need prayer support. Continue to pray for those in Singapore infected with Covid-19 to come to full recovery.
- Remember to pray for the churches in Singapore to have a stronger witness in Singapore and beyond in the days to come.