

# **PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH**

## *LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE*

**Sermon Date: 09/05/2021**

**Text(s): Philippians 2:19–30**

**Sermon Title: Christ-like Examples**

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

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

#### **Philippians 2:19–30 (ESV)**

**19** I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I too may be cheered by news of you.

**20** For I have no one like him, who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare.

**21** For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

**22** But you know Timothy's proven worth, how as a son with a father he has served with me in the gospel.

**23** I hope therefore to send him just as soon as I see how it will go with me,

**24** and I trust in the Lord that shortly I myself will come also.

**25** I have thought it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need,

**26** for he has been longing for you all and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill.

**27** Indeed he was ill, near to death. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow.

**28** I am the more eager to send him, therefore, that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious.

**29** So receive him in the Lord with all joy, and honor such men,

**30** for he nearly died for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was lacking in your service to me.

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

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

- 1. Apostle Paul said Timothy was someone who was genuinely concerned for the welfare of God's people at Philippi. Can you look back in your life, 10 or even 20 years ago, and point out someone other than a close family member who genuinely cared about your well-being? That person could be a friend at church, a colleague at work, or even a school teacher. Share why you're singling out this person and one special thing you learned from this person.**

2. **The preacher said Paul's primary objective in sharing his travel details and bringing attention to Timothy and Epaphroditus was to provide the church in Philippi with Christ-like examples to follow and interact with. What instructions did Paul give to the Philippians just before he talked about his itinerary and before he mentioned the names of Timothy and Epaphroditus? From the sermon, do you recall why Paul's flow of thought and writing was unique in this letter to the Philippians?**
  
3. **You might be familiar with Paul's background and character. How much do you know about Timothy and Epaphroditus? At the minimum, what we can learn about Timothy and Epaphroditus from Philippians 2 alone?**

**REFLECT (30 mins)**

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

1. **How have we been imitating Christ? One of the Christ-like values exemplified by Apostle Paul is the sense of spiritual accountability. Here are 5 questions of accountability shared by the preacher that you may use. Choose one or two of these questions and use them together as a group now.**
  1. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence? (Integrity)
  2. Do I give time for the Bible to speak to me every day? (Bread)
  3. Am I defeated / struggling in any part of my life? (Authenticity)
  4. How do I spend my spare time? (Priority)
  5. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it? (Surrender)
  
2. **Another important way to demonstrate Christ-likeness is through giving. And there are different ways to give, including giving of our time to pray for others and giving of our time to serve in a ministry under the Methodist Welfare Society or one within PMC. How about we think of other small ways to serve, small ways that could still have big impact?**

**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 the monthly guide)

- Pray for one another to have God's heart of love for others, to have a desire to live a Christ-like life that would reach out to touch lives.
- *Pray for our church to be a people that is willing to be held accountable by one another and to serve together beginning in small ways.*
- 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.