

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 20/06/2021

Text(s): Ephesians 5:21–22, 28–30.

Sermon Title: Man Enough For Fatherhood

Preacher: Pastor Daphne Yang

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

READ (5 mins)

Ephesians 5:21–22 (NIV84)

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:28–30 (NIV84)

28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—

30 for we are members of his body.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher began the sermon with this popular saying, “A man's success is measured by what his wife and his children say about him.” Do you agree or disagree with this and why is that so?**
- 2. The first point in the sermon is this: A strong marriage doesn't begin with two strong people. It begins when two people take turns to be strong for each other when the other is weak. At the same time, in Ephesians 5:22, wives are exhorted to submit to their husband and in v25 husbands are exhorted to love their wives by giving himself up for her. How do you actually live this all out in real life?**
- 3. Focusing on fatherhood, studies show that fathers directly impact their children's future and have a greater influence on the lives of men than their mothers. How can fathers balance their responsibilities at work, their responsibility toward their wives, and their responsibility toward their children all at the same time?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher shared a simple yet powerful thing fathers can do that will make a big difference in their relationship with their children. From the sermon what do you remember to be this simple and powerful action that fathers may take?**

- 2. The final point in the sermon is to look out for teaching moments. One of them is to be willing to apologize. What can fathers teach their children whether they apologize for their mistakes or not? Discuss this freely, focusing on the potential effects of our actions.**

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 the men at PMC to be deeply committed to the Word and the ways of God in order to be godly and Christ-like fathers to their children.
- *Pray for our church to be a people that will model for the next generation what it means to be faithful disciples of Christ, playing the role of spiritual fathers and mothers.*
- 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.