

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 08/11/2020

Text(s): Isaiah 54:8–10

Sermon Title: The WELCOME of God's Love

Preacher: Rev Dr Gordon Wong

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

READ (5 mins)

Isaiah 54:8–10 (ESV)

8 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

9 "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

RELATE (30 mins)

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

- 1. The preacher started by explaining that TRAC Conference Sunday is one way to remind ourselves that we have close, family connections within the MCS. And we all have one Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. How important do you think it is for God's people to be connected to one another? If you agree that this is an important thing, what are some ways we can build and strengthen that connection?**
- 2. The Bible shows that our God is a God who does get angry and will express His anger. Does it bother you, maybe even trouble you, that God does get angry sometimes? Would it bother you if our God never gets angry at all?**
- 3. Scripture clearly reveals God to be a God of love. The preacher said God's anger and love are not expressed in equal proportions. God is not 50% of the time angry and 50% of the time loving. God is 100% of the time loving but can be angry for a while. And on a scale of 1 to 1000, God's anger is a 3 or 4 while His love is 1000! How did you interpret the preacher's points here? What were your thoughts on his illustrations of a loving father disciplining his children?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

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

1. **In the passage chosen for this sermon, we see the phrase “everlasting love” and “steadfast love”. Together with what we discussed in the previous question, they give us the understanding that God’s love is not only strong and intense; it is also eternal. How does this speak to you as a recipient of God’s love? And how can we imitate God in various aspects of our lives?**

2. **The 3 words the preacher focused on are anger, love and compassion. We’ve discussed God’s anger and His love. Let’s talk about God’s compassion. Do you remember the difference between God’s love and God’s compassion as explained in the sermon? How can we grow in this love and become God’s people who know how to love others the way God loves us?**

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 encounter Christ intimately that the fire of the Holy Spirit may come upon all of us and revive us deeply and powerfully.
- Pray for our church to be a community that cares about one another, one does make the effort to support one another such as through Project Koinonia.
- 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.