

# Why is there power in love?

by Richard Fowler

**T**he world watched when Prince Harry and Megan Markle were married at Windsor in 2018. It was fairy-tale-like all over. Maybe you, like me, were mesmerised by this marriage. But why?

Well, it's hard to put your finger on. But there is something powerful, almost poetic, when you see two young people in love, committing themselves to one another. Then throw in a prince, a horse and carriage and some royalty, and you have quite the formula.

But there is another reason why this force of love—in any form or shape it takes—is so powerful. And so essential to our very being.

The answer was contained within the Bishop's fiery message that day. The break-out star, Michael Curry, president of the US Episcopal Church, lit up St George's Chapel with some wisdom for us all. "There's power in love", he said. "There is a certain sense in which when you are loved, and you know it...when you love, and you show

it, it actually feels right. There's something right about it. And there is a reason for it. And the reason has to do with the source. We were made by a power of love. And our lives were meant, and are meant to be lived in that love. That's why we are here. Ultimately the source of love is God himself. The source of all of our lives."

When you and I love, we align ourselves with the source of life—God. We are living out our true image, we are seeking something higher, something bigger than ourselves. A new way of thinking

and acting, a better way that brings better results. But more than that.

When we discover the godly kind of love, not a cheap, sentimentalised version that is often masqueraded on reality TV programmes, then something profound can happen. Martin Luther King Jr put it this way: "We must discover the power of love, the power, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that we will be able to make of this old world a new world. We will be able to make men better. Love is the only way".



*The Most Reverend Michael Curry, primate of the Episcopal Church, preached during the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle in St George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on 19 May 2018.*