

Love Never Fails

Or does it?

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Love never fails. “*Oh yes it does,*” you may argue. How many of us have been hurt by someone we love? We ourselves have let others down. So why does God say that love never fails?

The older we get, the more we see everything around us letting us down. The things and people we counted on in our younger days have not proven to be reliable. They failed. We have failed.

The other day I passed a house on a hillside built on wooden stilts. It occurred to me that at any time those supports could fail. Only if there was a solid steel beam anchored securely would those people rest at night. What am I leaning on? Are my hopes resting on my finances, my health, or on the love of another person? If so, each of them will fail me.

The only One Who will never let us down is God. “*GOD’s love never fails!*” He is the One who proved His eternal love years ago on that torturous cross. And confirmed it forever when he rose again to life. God’s love through Jesus Christ never fails! He is forever. His love is our only anchor, our only solid support worth leaning on.

So when the things of this life fail me, I don't have to panic. When I choose to rest fully on His unfailing love, I can face those disappointments in life and say, "Bring them on!" I am resting on something much more reliable, permanent and spectacular: God's love will always come through.

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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And now these three remain: **faith, hope and love.** *But the greatest of these is love.*

1 Corinthians 13:1-8,13

