



Love That Lasts

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“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” *1 Corinthians 13:7* (NAS)

How can I build lasting love relationships?

1. _____

“Love bears all things...”

“But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we **put up with** anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.” *1 Corinthians 9:12b* (NIV)

“Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” *Colossians 3:13*

2. _____

“Love... believes all things...”

“Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry.” *2 Timothy 4:11*
(See also: Colossians 4:10; Philemon 23-24)

3. _____

“Love... hopes all things...”

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?” *Romans 8:24*

4. _____

“Love... endures all things.”

“Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus...” *2 Timothy 2:10*

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.” *Hebrews 12:2-3*

Question: _____ ?

Daily Meditations

Monday

Please read 1 Corinthians 13:6-8a. Look back over your sermon notes from last weekend. Which of the points hit home for you this week? Why?

When are you most tempted to give up on the people you love?

In your life right now, who are you tempted to give up on?

Talk to God today about the areas of your life where you're tempted to give up on love. Thank God for His love for you. Pray that His love for you will flow through you and give you the stamina to keep loving and hoping.

Tuesday

Please read 1 Corinthians 9:12 & Colossians 3:13. In order to have love that lasts we need to learn to get past our own agenda! In what situation did you recently struggle with setting aside your comfort and rights for the sake of another?

How does being willing to bear with someone else build into that relationship?

How has Jesus set an example for us?

Thank God today that the world is bigger than you! Thank Him for His example. Talk to Him honestly about your struggles to set aside your agenda and rights. Ask Him for the vision to see your relationships through His eyes and His hope.

Wednesday

Please read Acts 15:36-41, Colossians 4:10 and 2 Timothy 4:11, Philemon 23-24.

Who is someone that has believed the best about you? How did that impact you?

What do these passages tell you about Paul and his relationships?

What progression do you see in Paul and Mark's relationship? How does that help you?

How does believing the best strengthen your relationships?

Thank God today for His love. Thank Him for the relationships He has given you. Talk to God about tension you have in relationships. Ask Him for the eyes to see the best in others and the courage to affirm that in them.

Thursday

Please read Psalm 71:14 & Romans 8:24. It can be difficult to stay hopeful in some relationships. Think of a relationship that has disappointed you. What does godly hope look like in that situation?

What would "hopes all things" look like in your relationships this week?

Thank God today that He never gives up on you. Thank Him that you can have eternal hope in Him. Pray that you'll keep looking forward in your relationships and give the gift of hope.

Friday

Please read Philippians 2:17, 2 Timothy 2:10 & Hebrews 12:2-3. It is challenging to reflect on what "all things" can include. Write down four things these verses teach you about endurance:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

How have you seen God's enduring love for you?

How can you follow His example this week in your relationships?

Thank God today for His enduring love. Thank God for the Bible and the opportunity to learn. Pray that your love for others will be marked by endurance. Pray that God will use the love you have for others to encourage them and point them to God.

Saturday

Please be sure you've finished this week's devotion and know the Bible verse. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that our church will continue to grow in LOVE and that God will use us in great ways to reach our community.



Memory Verse

"Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

1 Corinthians 13:6-8a (NIV)