

# Love Never Fails!

I Corinthians 13:4-8

## Sermon Notes

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- I. Hebrew words that express loving involvement:
  - A. Yaydah: to know **deeply**; to go beyond the **surface**.
  - B. Sowed: to be known; to let someone else get involved in **your life** for the purpose of caring.
  - C. Saykhan: to know someone else; to get involved in **their life** for the purpose of caring for them.
  - D. Synopsis/definition: deep mutual knowing for the purpose of caring involvement.
- II. Love should be the motivation for our involvement in each other's lives. (I Cor. 13:1-3)
  - A. If you practice loving **acts** without a loving **heart**, it has **no value** in God's eyes.
  - B. Your **attitude** or heart is as important as your **actions**.
- III. One thing love is and one it doesn't do:
  - A. Love is **patient**. (I Cor. 13:4a; cf. II Pet. 3:9b; Eph. 4:1a-2b)

Patience defined: bearing pains or trials calmly or without complaint.
  - B. Love does not keep a **record** of **wrongs**. (I Cor. 13: 5b)

"Bitterness is the cup of poison you drink while expecting your enemy to die."

    1. Forgive as you have been forgiven **by God**. (Col. 3:13; Matt 6: 14-15)
    2. What is the difference between forgiving and trusting? Forgiveness has to do with the **past** and the present. Trust has to do with the present and the **future**.
    3. It takes **years** to build trust and **seconds** to lose it. Realize how valuable trust is.

**Love** never fails (I Corinthians 13:8a)



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