



## 40 Days of Love: 7- "The Secrets of Lasting Love"


1 Corinthians 13:7


"Love bears all things, believes all things,  
hopes all things, endures all things." ESV

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"Love never stops being patient, never stops believing,  
never stops hoping, never gives up." GW


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 Isaiah 54:8 "I will show you My love for  
ever.' So says the LORD who saves you." TEV

 John 15:12 "I command you to love each  
other in the same way that I love you." NLT


### 1- Lasting love \_\_\_\_\_.

 Ephesians 2:1-2a,4-5 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions  
and sins, in which you used to live.... But because of His great love for us,  
God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were  
dead in transgressions- it is by GRACE you have been saved." NIV

 Ephesians 1:6-8 "Let us praise God for His glorious GRACE,  
for the free gift He gave us in His dear Son! For by the blood of  
Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the  
GRACE of God, which He gave to us in such large measure!" TEV

"Love never stops being patient" GW ♦ "Love bears all things" ESV

"Love patiently accepts all things" NCV

 1 Peter 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply,  
because love covers over a multitude of sins. NIV

 **1 Corinthians 13:5b** Love is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. NIV

Billy Graham [*Just As I Am*]: “Ruth and I don’t have a perfect marriage, but we have a great one. In a perfect marriage, everything is always the finest and best imaginable; like a Greek statue, the proportions are exact and the finish is unblemished. Who knows any human beings like that? For a married couple to expect perfection in each other is unrealistic. The unblemished ideal exists only in ‘happily ever after’ fairy tales. Ruth likes to say, ‘If two people agree on everything, one of them is unnecessary.’ The sooner we accept that as a fact of life, the better we will be able to adjust to each other and enjoy togetherness. (Ruth and I are) ‘happily incompatible’.”

## **2- Lasting love \_\_\_\_\_.**

**“Love never stops believing”** GW ◆ **“Love believes all things”** ESV

**“Love never loses faith”** NLT

(from *The Jonah Movie* by Veggie Tales)

***Praise the Lord! He's the God of second chances!***


***You'll be floored how His love your life enhances!***


***You can be restored from your darkest circumstances!***

***Our God is a God of second chances!***

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**PETER**

 **Ephesians 4:2** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love. NLT

 **Colossians 3:12–14** Since God chose you to be the holy people He loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. NLT

Blanks: 1- extends grace 2- exhibits trust