

Relationships, Experiences, and Stuff (February 26, 2026)

“Love never fails.”
(1 Corinthians 13:8)

You may have heard the saying, “Jesus used stuff (money and resources) to build people rather than using people to accumulate stuff.” I don’t think any of us would argue with that. We are well aware that people are more important than material possessions.

But there is a subtle parallel to that truth that seems just as important, and it is this: “Jesus used experiences to build relationships rather than using relationships to gain experiences.” Jesus didn’t seek a Bride so He could have a wedding. He didn’t have children to serve Him without loving Him. And He doesn’t want the Church to value material possessions or personal experiences over reconciling people with God and each other.

The stuff of earth will one day melt with a fervent heat...if the moth and rust don’t get it first. And experiences are temporal and fleeting...leaving our feeble memories to hold fuzzy feelings. But love lasts forever. Love is the soil of the human heart which allows the implanted Word to produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold.

It’s the greatest return you will ever get...in this life or in the life to come.