

Message: Love and the Church- Love Always

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:7

It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

QUESTION: WHAT DOES LOVE DO WITH FAILURE?

1. LOVE ALWAYS PROTECTS.

What it doesn't mean: love buries all things.

What it does mean: to cover, to keep confidential.

"Love throws a cloak of silence over what is displeasing in life of another." Lexicon

"Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all transgressions." Proverbs 10:12

"Above all else love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins."

1 Peter 4:8

2. LOVE ALWAYS TRUSTS.

What it doesn't mean: love is naive and gullible.

What it does mean: it is not suspicious, skeptical, or cynical.

"I care very little if I am judged by you or any human court; indeed, I don't even judge myself.

My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to

light what is hidden in the darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. 1 Corinthians

4:4-5

3. LOVE ALWAYS HOPES.

What it doesn't mean: hoping into hope.

What it does mean: to hope in God.

"I am confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will see it to completion."

Philippians 1:6

4. LOVE ALWAYS PERSEVERES.

What it doesn't mean: toleration.

What it does mean: to make a choice to tie your legs back and never desert.

To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it. 1 Corinthians 4:11-12