

Love Perseveres
(I Corinthians 13:7)

We Receive Love from God; We Learn to Love from People - I Jo 4:19

...in the "all things" of life, we learn nothing is too much for the love of God - I Cor 13:7

Love Bears and Believes - Ja 5:20; I Pet 4:8; Prov 20:12; I Pet 2:24

- Love covers: preserves, protects, provides refuge/safety

...we are covered by the love of Christ and are to provide a covering of love for all

- Covering love provides a safe place to bring our humanity - Jo 8:1-11

...my greatest failure/sin to date? _____

(What kind of person would you tell that to?)

- Covering love communicates faith/trust

...love never loses faith

...it speaks to the new man, not just fusses at the old - II Cor 5:17

Love Endures and Hopes - Heb 12:2

- Love presses on - Jo 13:1

...love may be crucified, but never conquered

- Enduring love has the cross as its dominant image - Ro 5:8

..."second mile"; "70 x 7"; "prays for persecutors"; "loves adversaries"

- Enduring love communicates hope

...a passion for what is possible because Christ is with us - Matt 19:26; Col 1:27

...no one is hopeless; no one is too much for Christ's love - I Cor 10:13

...I am no longer "just me"; I am "Christ in me" - Ga 2:20

The Covering, Believing Love of God Preserves!

The Enduring, Hopeful Love of God Perseveres!

...for He never fails - I Cor 13:8