

The More Excellent Way:
Love That Perseveres – I Corinthians 13:7-8

God's Love Is No Wavering Affection, No Fluctuating Source, No "Warm Fuzzy" That Grows Cold – I Cor 13:7-8; Heb 13:8;
Ja 1:17

Persevering Love Bears and Believes – I Cor 13:7

- Love "bears all things":
 - ...provides a protective covering – Ro 4:7; I Pet 4:8; Jo 8:2-11
- Love "believes all things":
 - ...believes God's love is able to make a difference – Jo 3:16; Ro 8:37
 - ...believes God's love has the power to cast out fear – I Jo 4:18
 - ...believes God's love is able to set captives free – Jo 8:32; Eph 4:15
 - ...believes God's love never fails – I Cor 13:8

Persevering Love Endures and Hopes – I Cor 13:7

- Love "endures all things":
 - ...enabling us to stand fast in the heat of the battle – Heb 12:2; I Pet 2:20
 - ...enabling us to love "to the uttermost" – Jo 13:1
- Love "hopes all things":
 - ...energizing us to embrace what is possible because of Who is with us – I Tim 1:1
 - ...energizes us to embrace that it is never too late when Jesus/Love is present – Lk 23:42-43; Jo 11:39-40

Persevering Love "Never Fails" – I Cor 13:8

- It is faith and hope that free us to persevere in love in this world – I Cor 13:13
- Persevering love is always available, can not be used by evil, and never collapses in defeat... NOT EVEN FROM CROSSES!
– Jo 19:30