

God's Love is Unchanging!



“With *everlasting* lovingkindness
I will have *compassion* on you,”
says the Lord your *Redeemer*.

Isaiah 54:8

“I will
show you
My love
forever,
says the
Lord who
saves you!”

God's Love is Unchanging!

Discerning
GOD'S WILL

**“This is my commandment:
Love each other in the same way
I have loved you.”**

John 15:12

New Series!

HOW GOD BUILDS YOUR FAITH

"EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD"

Sunday 10:30 a.m.
December 2, 2018

The Secrets of Lasting Love

*How to Make Love
Last Forever!*

1 Cor 13:5



The Secrets of Lasting Love

*How to Make Love
Last Forever!*

**“LOVE NEVER STOPS BEING
PATIENT, NEVER STOPS BELIEVING,
NEVER STOPS HOPING, NEVER
GIVES UP!”** (God’s Word Translation).

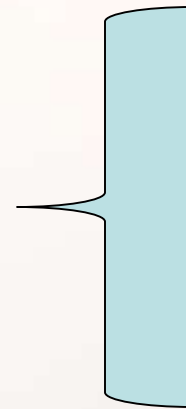
I Cor 13:7

The Secrets of Lasting Love

THESIS:

- **FOUR HABITS OF EVERLASTING LOVE**

1. Extends *Grace*
2. Expresses *Trust*
3. Expects the *Best*
4. Endures the *Worst*



The 4-E's.

The Secrets of Lasting Love

#1. LASTING LOVE EXTENDS GRACE.

Love is patient, Love is kind.
It always protects, always trusts,
always hopes, always perseveres.
Love Never Fails.
1 Corinthians 13:4, 7-8

“Puts up with anything.”

“Patiently accepts.”

“It is always ready to make allowances.”

The Secrets of Lasting Love



Lit: "Covered with
a roof."



The Secrets of Lasting Love

As it is written,

*There is None righteous,
No, Not one:
For All have Sinned,
And come short of the glory of God*

Romans 3:10, 23

**Nobody's
perfect.
Nobody.**

Two *imperfect* people will never create
a *perfect* relationship.

“It takes two to *tango* and it takes two
to *tangle*.”

The Secrets of Lasting Love



Grace listens...

The Secrets of Lasting Love



He can't hear himself!

The Secrets of Lasting Love

“Be humble and gentle with each other. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other’s faults because of your love” (1 Cor 13:7a).

Who do you need to show grace to this week?

The Secrets of Lasting Love

#2. LASTING LOVE EXPRESSES FAITH.



The Secrets of Lasting Love

#2. LASTING LOVE EXPRESSES FAITH.

There is no fear in love.

I John 4:18



The Secrets of Lasting Love

#2. LASTING LOVE EXPRESSES FAITH.

“Love never stops *believing*.”

“Love always *trusts*.”

“Love never loses *faith*.”

The Secrets of Lasting Love

There are three kinds of people!

- *Gullible* people.
- *Cynical* People. (I Tim 6:4)
- *Healthy* loving people.



The Secrets of Lasting Love



#1. Trusting people tend to be more gullible.

F

#2. Trusting people tend to have a lower IQ.

F

#3. Trusting people live happier lives!

T

#4. “Gullible” is not in the dictionary.

F

The Secrets of Lasting Love

How quickly are you willing to give other people a second chance?



The Secrets of Lasting Love

**For as the heavens are
higher than the earth, so
are my ways higher than
your ways, and my
thoughts than your
thoughts.**

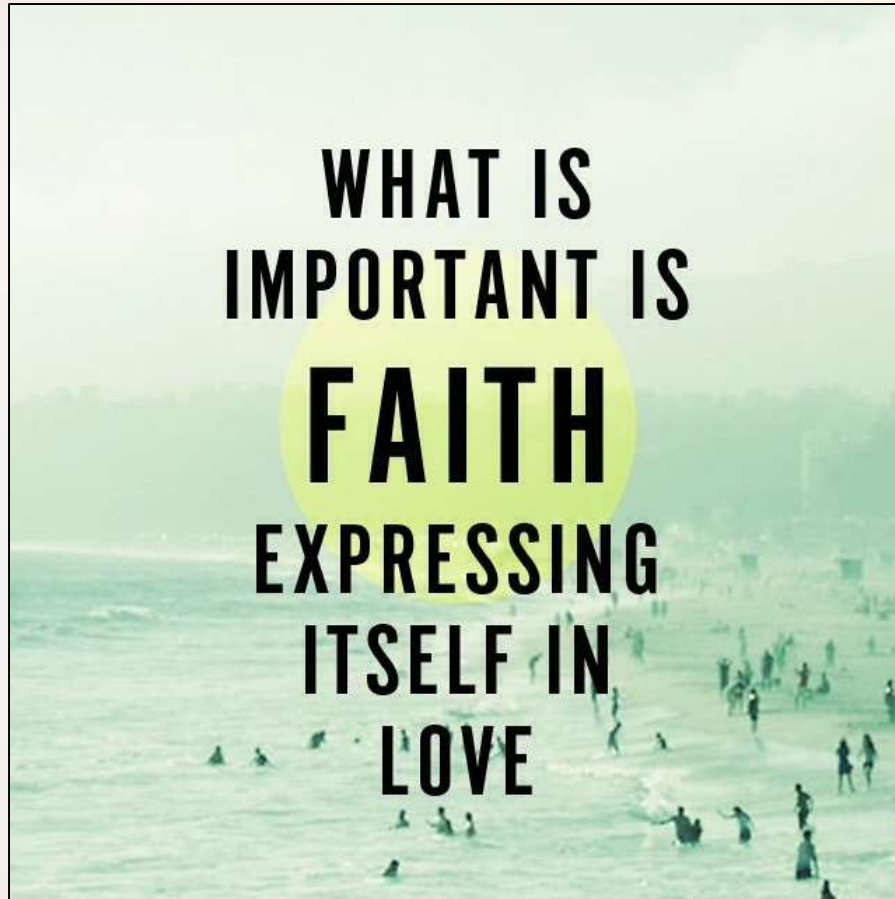
—Isaiah 55:9



**“Love never
stops
believing.”**

**Who do you
need to
express
trust to this
week?**

The Secrets of Lasting Love



Galatians 5:6

The Secrets of Lasting Love

#3. LASTING LOVE EXPECTS THE BEST.



“Love always expects the best.”

“Whoever truly loves believes in the supernatural.”

The Secrets of Lasting Love

“People tend to live up to your expectations.”



The Secrets of Lasting Love



Dr. Bruce Wilkinson

“I had set them up with my *expectations*. I expected them to do better and they did.”

Who are you setting up?

Who do you need to expect the best from?

The Secrets of Lasting Love

#4. LASTING LOVE ENDURES THE WORST.

