

Prevailing Love

God's love for you prevails. The following scriptures from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is one of my favorite passages that I have paraphrased:

- True love suffers for a long time but never gets tired of waiting.
- True love acts out in kindness.
- True love is not jealous, nor does it envy other people.
- True love does not think of self above others and has no trace of pride.
- The acts of love treat people fairly because it is selfless.
- Love is not angered quickly and does not keep track of the evil committed.
- Love takes no pleasure in doing wrong; but has joy in doing what is right.
- Whereas prophecies will cease to exist, tongues will come to nothing, and knowledge will fade away, love will always prevail.

This is a perfect picture of the God we serve. He displays His love for us in all these ways and more. It reveals that His love is selfless and takes on many forms such as servanthood, waiting, kindness, doing right, treating people fairly, and more. Yes, our God serves us more than we realize! But the last verse puts everything into a clearer perspective. That when our prophecies will cease and our knowledge will fade away, His love will always remain because it is eternal.

Love is the very thing that our soul needs to be healed. Words spoken in love, along with its actions, will be carved in the mind and heart of the hearer. So, if I speak a thousand words and none of them contain love, they will fade away. Basically, my words will mean nothing. But through God's language of love, hard hearts and deaf ears will hear and that soul will be healed.

Everyone needs love. The elderly who can no longer use their knowledge, will always welcome love. And before a baby can speak, it will hear love. This prevailing love will conquer the heart and change the soul because as God's image we are designed to receive love. Therefore, without love, life is meaningless. God's prevailing love is what brings life to our soul and makes our heart feel again.

You must know that heaven is filled with this true, eternal love because God is love. There is no greater love than that of our heavenly Father. He loves you when no one else does. He waits for you, He suffers with you, He takes pleasure in doing for you, and He is kind to you when no one else is. He is always fair and just. He takes you just as you are and holds you in His arms. When you feel like you do not deserve it, He says "You are always deserving". Your knowledge compared to God's is nothing, but He didn't create you to be His competitor. He created you because He loved you.

Daddy God,

I know that you love us. You cannot, not love us because you are God. But I also know that many times they feel unlovable when you do not feel that way about them. So let them feel your prevailing love pouring over them like a mighty waterfall. Lord, you *never* struggle to love them. Let them know that they make a difference to you and to others. Touch their hearts gently and open their ears to hear the kind words you are saying about them. May they be encouraged to live another day to see your acts of love for them. They have gone through a lot – but you knew that they would search for you when life got hard. So, I pray that they will feel you and receive the love you are trying to impart. I am for sure that you love them way more than they know. You love them forever, eternally, and selflessly. Thank you for being with them *always*. I bless them in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen!

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