**Love Endures**

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Passage

1 Cor. 13:4

Love is patient,

love is kind,

love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

It does not insist on its own way,

it is not irritable or resentful,

it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

It bears all things (present)

Believes all things (future oriented)

Hopes all things (future oriented)

Endures all things (present)

1. Bears all things v. endures all things?
   1. “Bears” –“ stegei-“ word for roof-
   2. Mathew 8:8 “ Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my **roof**”
   3. Genesis 8:13 – “ In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth and Noah removed the **covering** of the ark”
   4. “ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge” psalm 91:4
2. Endures all things
   1. In Greek – “hupomenei” – literally means the structure that holds up a roof -
   2. In English –“ endures” compound word- means: both – “under” and “ to remain” – to remain under in order to bear up-
   3. Columns – supporting the roof
3. Together – bears and endures, roof and posts, create a shelter
   1. A shelter for what?
4. What’s the nature of this space – created from roof and posts?
   1. “endures” has both a “bearing under” but also a time component – “remain” –
   2. “panta” greek word for all, every, all things, all ways- antonym – most of the time, according to an acceptable standard
   3. So…. Love covers, bears up, provides shelter over time, long periods of time –

“ Willing to remain in difficult situations for the sake of another – rather than seeking relief through escape”

* 1. Love does not look for a way out…. (Corrie ten Boom)

**How can we provide sheltering love…. always, no matter what?**

(panta x 4) - (not door mat love)??????

\* Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit

1 John 2:27 “But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing (holy spirit) teaches you about everything..”

**We must go to the source.**

\* Where does love originate? The source of love?

1 John 4:7-12

\* When does love first appear in the bible? Genesis 22:2

John 15:9-13 -

Jeremiah 31:3 “I have loved you with an everlasting love”

Psalm 36:7 “How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings”

Hebrew:

Hebrews 13:1 “Let brotherly love continue”

10:24 Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works

12:1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and the perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising its shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

God-Jesus-us- others

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Questions for Discussion

1. Has someone created a shelter for you – so you had the space to rest and re-connect to your hope and belief? What was that like for you?
2. Have you provided cover for another? Did you look for an escape route from the bearing up and enduring? If not, how did you manage it?
3. Does hearing that love remains – panta – always – alter the way you think about certain relationships in your life? How might you proceed differently in light of God’s call for us to love with endurance?