

Love Series Part 2: Love That Lasts

Memory Verse:

(1 Corinthians 16:14 NIV) "Do everything in love."

Commitment: Willing to be unhappy until we work it out.

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(Song of Songs 8:5-6 NIV) Under the apple tree I roused you; there your mother conceived you, there she who was in labor gave you birth. Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame.

1. Lasting love is possessive.

(Song of Songs 8:7 NIV) Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

2. Lasting love is persevering.

✓ Covenant surrenders rights and assumes responsibility.

✓ Contract protects rights and shirks responsibility.

(1 Corinthians 13:5 NIV) (Love)... keeps no record of wrongs.

(Song of Songs 8:8 NIV) We have a young sister, and her breasts are not yet grown. What shall we do for our sister for the day she is spoken for?

(Song of Songs 8:9 NIV) If she is a wall, we will build towers of silver on her. If she is a door, we will enclose her with panels of cedar.

3. Lasting love is protective.

(Song of Songs 8:10 NIV) I am a wall, and my breasts are like towers. Thus I have become in his eyes like one bringing contentment.

4. Lasting love is peaceful.

(Song of Songs 8:13-14 NIV) You who dwell in the gardens with friends in attendance, let me hear your voice! Come away, my lover, and be like a gazelle or like a young stag on the spice-laden mountains.

✓ Love is a choice.

(Colossians 3:14 NIV) And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.