

Love is....

## **“Love Is When All Else Fails”**

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*“Love never fails...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”*  
1 Cor. 13:8-13

*“Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen,”*  
Bobby - age 5

You won't need prophecy when what has been foretold has come to pass.  
You won't need knowledge when what you seek has been found.  
You won't need hope when what you hope for is possessed.  
You won't need faith when the object of your faith is present.  
You will always need love. You will always have love, for God is love.

Love never fails because....

1. **God** is love and God **never fails**.

*“Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.”*  
1 John 4:7-8

- *“There is nothing you can do to make God stop loving you because there is nothing you did to make God start loving you.”* Anonymous

2. God's love is **limitless**.

*“And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge...”* Eph. 3:17-19

- *“There is no pit so deep that our God's love is not deeper still.”* Corrie Ten Boom

3. God's love is **unconditional**.

*“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* Rom. 5:6-8

- *“Love will find a way, indifference will find an excuse.”* Anonymous

4. God’s love is **sacrificial**.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.”* John 3: 16-18

- *“Live your life as if someone else’s life depends on it because it does.”* Steven Tavani

### **Discussion Starters for Your Groups InCommon**

1. Discuss this quote by Oswald Chambers, “If human love does not carry a man beyond himself, it is not love. If love is always discreet, always wise, always, sensible and calculating, never carried beyond itself, it is not love at all. It may be affection or warmth of feeling, but it has not the true nature of love.”
2. What earthly evidence exists to prove God is love?
3. Identify a time in your life when you knew beyond a shadow of a doubt you were loved.
4. What would the world look like if God’s love possessed every person?