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# Love That Endures To The End (The Power To Never Give Up)

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## The Power of God's Love

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***Sermon: The Power of God's Love: Love That Endures To The End (The Power To Never Give Up)***

***Lesson Text***

Matthew 24:10–13 (KJV) <sup>10</sup> And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. <sup>11</sup> And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. <sup>12</sup> And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. <sup>13</sup> But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Zechariah 4:6 (KJV)<sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

1 Corinthians 13:8 (KJV)<sup>8</sup> Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

***Introduction***

For the last three messages, we've been looking at what happens when iniquity abounds and the love of many wax cold: Many of us become very offensive, others betray one another, and still yet we begin to hate one another.

But Jesus says something quite interesting in the 13<sup>th</sup> verse of our first lesson text: Matthew: <sup>13</sup> **But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.**

I know that we have accepted Christ, we are going to church, we are bringing our tithes and offerings, but too many of us are not enduring unto the end.

Metaphorically, we are not enduring to the end of our marriages, we are not enduring to the end of our friendships and relationships, we are not enduring to the end of our ministries, we are not enduring to the end of our gifts and callings, or our purpose and destiny.

It is because whatever we have and are depending upon is failing us. And when it fails, we fail.

The rest of our lesson text teaches us that we are mighty, but our might is failing us; we are powerful, but our power is failing us; and we are gifted, but our gifts are failing us. And as a result, we are giving up.

To get to the end and stop giving up on our relationships, our purpose, and our destiny, we need something that never fails, and that is the Love of God.

***Series and Sermon: The Power of God's Love: Love That Endures To The End (The Power To Never Give Up)***

(Enduring When Your Might Fails, Enduring When Your Power Fails, Enduring When Your Gifts Fail)

***I. Enduring When Your Might Fails***

Zechariah 4: <sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, ***Not by might***, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

To make it to the end, we must endure when our might fails.

Might represents collective strength – our crew, team, family, wealth, alliance. It's who and what we have or are connected to.

The truth is we need a crew, family, and wealth.

- Ecclesiastes 4: <sup>9</sup> Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falleth; for *he hath* not another to help him up.
- Matthew 18: <sup>20</sup> **For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.**
- Ecclesiastes 10: <sup>19</sup> A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry: but money answereth all *things*.

But one way or another, things and people will fail us. They will either leave you on earth, or leave going to heaven. And if your confidence, your trust, your life is in them, when they fail, you fail.

Many people who are losing it are losing it because the people or their stuff has already lost it.

Psalms 33: <sup>16</sup> There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. <sup>17</sup> An horse *is* a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver *any* by his great strength.

It doesn't matter how big your army is, how numerous your crew is, how fast your horse is, they can't get you to the end. They will eventually fail you.

Psalms 146: <sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes, *nor* in the son of man, in whom *there is* no help. <sup>4</sup> His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

When all about you fails you, always know that God's Love will never fail you.

Psalms 33: <sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; <sup>19</sup> To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. <sup>20</sup> Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he *is* our help and our shield. <sup>21</sup> For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name.

Psalms 146: <sup>5</sup> Happy *is he* that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope *is* in the LORD his God:

## ***II. Enduring When Your Power Fails***

Zechariah 4: <sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, ***nor by power***, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

To make it to the end, we must endure when our power fails.

Power represents our individual abilities and capabilities – skills, influence, and charisma.

Perhaps you've heard the saying, "I can do bad all by myself." It's really a reflection of one's self-reliance. If you are not adding to me, then go ahead and leave.

- Psalm 8: <sup>4</sup> What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? <sup>5</sup> For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. <sup>6</sup> Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
- Jeremiah 1: <sup>5</sup> Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, *and* I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.
- Philippians 4: <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

It's one thing for people and things to fail you, but what do you do when you fail yourself. You said you would never do it again, but you did. You would never fall for that again, but you fell for it.

What do you do when you "no longer work," when you are broken? Your ideas no longer work, your ingenuity no longer work, your hard work and ability no longer work!

You have no more self-reliance, you lose your self-confidence, you fall into a deep hole of darkness and depression, and you don't know how to get yourself out.

It is at that point that the Love of God swoops in. I believe that's what happened to James Rowe in 1912 when he wrote:

*I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore. Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more. But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry. From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.*

*Love lifted me, love lifted me, when nothing else could help, love lifted me.*

### ***III. Enduring When Your Spiritual Gifts Fail***

Zechariah 4: <sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, **but by my spirit**, saith the LORD of hosts.

To make it to the end, we must endure when our gifts fail.

Romans 11: <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance.

Although God doesn't take our gifts from us, nor does he change his mind about our calling, there will be times when they will fail us.

Gifts give us purpose: Romans 8: <sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to *his* purpose.

Calling gives us destiny: Psalm 37: <sup>23</sup> The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way.

But gifts and callings can't save us, and so they can't get us to the end.

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God said, “It’s not by power, nor my might, but by my spirit!”

John 4: **God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.**

1 John 4: <sup>8</sup> He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Now since God will never leave us, his promises are yea and amen, and his word will never pass away; then God will never fail us. And since God is Love, then his love will never fail us.

1 Corinthians 13: <sup>8</sup> Charity (Love) never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Prophecy will fail us, tongues will fail us, knowledge will fail us. But Love will never fail us.

Love will cover us, love will keep us, love will clean us, love will deliver us, love will save us till the end!

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## Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: Love That Endures To The End (The Power To Never Give Up))

### Lesson Text

- Matthew 24:10–13, Zechariah 4:6, 1 Corinthians 13:8

### Sermon Outline

- I. *Enduring When Your Might Fails***
- II. *Enduring When Your Power Fails***
- III. *Enduring When Your Gifts Fail***

### Questions: (What was your main takeaway from this message?)

#### **I. Getting to Know “Me”**

1. What's your 2026 word of the year?
2. What's one thing you hope looks different about your life by the end of 2026?

#### **II. Into The Bible**

1. In reading Romans 5:5, what connection can we make between the power of God's love and faith to endure?
2. Read Romans 8:33-38. How does knowing God's love for you as described in this scripture help you endure adversity?

#### **III. Life Application**

1. In what ways can you apply “love never fails” to someone that is difficult to love because the love has been lost?
2. How has relying on God's love, rather than your own strength, changed your perspective from surviving to thriving?