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Love Never Fails – Trust

1 Cor. 13:7-8a It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

The Greek term for trust here is pisteuo. It means to be true, to be persuaded of, to place our confidence in. It is the same form of the word that describes faith. In other words, the love that God has for us is a love we can trust and have faith in that it will never let us go. I think many times, we put our thought process onto God believing that He must love us like we love. In that scenario, we see that we don't deserve love and that because of that, He will give or take his love in connection with whether we've be naughty or nice. Again, that describes a love that is conditional and that is Not God's Kind Of Love! His love is a trusting love. Psalm 103:14 says: For He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. It is clear that God knows everything about us. He formed us. Yet, He still loves us no matter what.

By the way, we get the word epistles from the root of this word. This also reminds us that the Word of God, the letters written in God's word, are words we can trust; just like we can always trust God.

I remember the first time that I had to trust that my child would take the "family car" out on a date. Any parent can relate. There is a feeling of uncertainty and of worry, but my child and our car came home safe. God allows us to venture out into this sinful world because His love trusts us to do what is right. When we do, He is well pleased. When we don't, He still loves us and is willing to forgive us. How can this be? Because of His great love that trusts!

Dear Father, thank You for Your trusting love that will love me forever! I cannot fall from Your love. I cannot make You dislike me. And even when I disappoint You, You still love me and always will. Thanks You for that kind of love! In Jesus Name, Amen