



# LOVE IS... “NEVER FAILING, NEVER GIVES UP”

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This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

## Connect:

**“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance. Love never fails.”**

1 Corinthians 13:7-8

1. If You were to cut yourself down the middle, would every part of you speak of how you KNOW that God loves you (and that His love never fails)?
2. Is your identity found in the fact that God loves you?
3. Do you understand God’s love?

## Engage:

4. Do you often ask questions like, ‘why did God allow this to happen to me?’ (If you do this, you could be in danger of throwing away everything you’ve built your life on [God] because you’re looking at things from the wrong perspective.)
5. There is no answer to this. What you must do is the other way around. You must say things like:
  - “How can I make my circumstances have an understanding in the light of your word?”
  - “God, I don’t understand why this has happened but in the light of your word, can you help me to understand it?”
6. The truth of God’s word must be in your core. Our mind is reactive, but our heart stores convictions – **our conviction must be that God’s love never fails.** Without this you’ll never know that God is your comfort; that all things work together for good for those who love God.
7. *God doesn’t change, but our understanding is sometimes flawed!*

## Framework:

8. Read and discuss Hosea 1:2 (God wanted to confront Israel with the sin of unfaithfulness)

9. Read and discuss 1 Kings 18

**“God will come quickly to a heart that calls to Him.”**

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10. If God removes the consequences for our sin, then we'll never understand the weight of choices – they are there to help us make different decisions. Often, they show us that we have made the wrong one.

11. Instead of asking God ‘why are you allowing this to happen?’ ‘why did you let this happen to me?’, we need to look back and establish if it is in fact **our choices** that have led us to this consequence.

12. Israel's spiritual condition

- No faithfulness
- No kindness
- No knowledge of God
- Swearing, deception, murder, stealing, sexual vice
- Prophets and priests were corrupt
- Leaders were opportunists
- Harlotry, drunkenness, idol worship
- Human sacrifice

**“What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun.”**

Ecclesiastes 1:9

13. There are no secret sins, there is nothing being done today that no one else hasn't done.

**“- neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”**

Romans 8:39

14. Read and discuss Hosea 2:1-2

- ⇒ The above scripture is an expression of God's love for us
- ⇒ He says, I know they've prostituted themselves, but I still love them, and I want you (Jesus) to buy them back.
- ⇒ Jesus died on the cross to buy you back
- ⇒ Just like Hosea went to find Goma, God came to find us

15. Read Hosea 2:8

- ⇒ God provides for us even though we are unfaithful.

16. God cannot work with us until we have a change of heart.

17. How does God facilitate that drawing back?

18. Read Hosea 2:14-17

19. What is God saying in this scripture?  
20. God cannot speak tenderly to us until we're in a place to listen – sometimes we need to be in the worst place of our circumstances. Sometimes He must take us to the wilderness.

- *A Valley of **Achor** – means a valley of **trouble***

21. Read Romans 8:38-39

22. Read and discuss Hosea 11:8

**KINTSUGI – Kin = golden                      TSUGI = rejoining**  
**The Japanese art of repairing broken pottery**



This is a beautiful picture of how God works.  
It's the flaws, mistakes and cracks that encourage you to make better choices and decisions; with every flaw and mistake, God says He will heal you with gold. You don't need to hide your flaws; God uses them to make you more valuable. You are so precious in His sight that He will never give up, He will never leave you or forsake you.

**“His love never fails, it never gives up, it never runs out on me.”**

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