

# NORTH HILLS NOTES

## THE SECRETS OF LASTING LOVE

40 Days of Love  
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*God: "I will show you my love forever. So says the Lord who saves you."*  
Isaiah 54:8 (TEV)

*"I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you."*  
John 15:12 (NLT)

*Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping,  
never gives up.* 1 Corinthians 13:7 (GW)

### 1. LASTING LOVE EXTENDS GRACE

*Love never stops being patient* 1 Corinthians 13:7a (GW)  
*"...puts up with anything" (Mes)*  
*"... patiently accepts all things" (NCV)*  
*"...is always ready to make allowances" (NJB)*

*Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance  
for each other's faults because of your love.* Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)

### 2. LASTING LOVE EXPRESSES FAITH

*Love never stops believing* 1 Corinthians 13:7b (GW)  
*"... always trusts" (NIV)*  
*"... never loses faith" (NLT)*

*The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.*  
Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

### 3. LASTING LOVE EXPECTS THE BEST

*Love never stops hoping* 1 Corinthians 13:7c (GW)  
*"...always expects the best" (LB)*  
*"...always looks for the best" (Mes)*

### 4. LASTING LOVE ENDURES THE WORST

*Love never gives up* 1 Corinthians 13:7d (GW)  
*"...endures through every circumstance." (NLT)*  
*"...always perseveres" (NIV)*  
*"...never looks back, but keeps going to the end." (Mes)*