

# Issue 28 - Love That Remains

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## **Messy story of the week**

James notices something has shifted, though he can't point to a single moment when it happened.

Conversations feel slower now. Less charged. There's still disagreement, still moments of misunderstanding, but not the same sense of bracing for impact. He finds himself listening more, not because he's trying harder, but because something in him feels less threatened.

Part of him misses the intensity. The certainty of quick reactions. The feeling of control.

But another part of him recognizes this quieter space for what it is: steadier. Safer. More honest.

Love doesn't feel *easier* exactly. But it feels more real.

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## **Faithful God, then and now**

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."*  
— 1 Corinthians 13:13

When Paul writes that faith, hope, and love remain, he is describing what endures when immaturity falls away and illusions loosen their grip.

The Corinthians were enamored with what was flashy, immediate, and impressive. God patiently redirected them toward what lasts. Not spiritual excitement, but spiritual substance.

Throughout Scripture, God reveals Himself as faithful over time. Not rushed. Not reactive. His love remains when circumstances shift, emotions fluctuate, and understanding grows deeper.

This is the love God forms in us too. A love that doesn't depend on intensity to prove its sincerity.

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## What we can learn

- Mature love often feels quieter than immature love
  - Stability can feel unfamiliar if chaos once felt normal
  - Love that remains is not fragile, even when it is gentle
  - Faithfulness is revealed over time, not moments
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## Behind the curtain

In coaching, people sometimes worry that something is wrong when love feels less charged. They mistake steadiness for stagnation.

But what I often see is growth. A nervous system settling. A heart no longer needing constant reassurance. Love that has learned how to stay.

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## Faith step for the week

Notice one quiet sign of growth in your relationships this week. Thank God for love that remains, even when it isn't dramatic.

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## Bible verse

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## Prayer

Faithful God,  
Thank You for love that stays when excitement fades and certainty softens.  
Teach us to trust the quiet work You are doing in us and between us.  
Help us to rest in love that remains.  
Amen.

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