**The Pillar on Love**

Intercessors have stubborn love. This is God’s Fatherly heart for His people that simply won’t quit or change. God’s love covers a multitude of sins and it is that love that an intercessor draws upon when the chips are down. In Proverbs 17:9 & 19:11, we are reminded love is sought, pursued, and required when covering transgressions, as it is also one’s glory to overlook an offense.

**1 Corinthians 13:7 AMP**

*Love****bears up****under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening].*

**1 Peter 4:7-8 NKJV**

*But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."*

God is love. *We love because He first loved us.* **1 John 4:19** This is how the intercessor functions: returning and giving out what He has given and continues to give. A loving lifestyle is one that values others and regards what is best for them.

Love is provocative and compelling. It is because of the Father’s heart and His love for His creation, that even when they hated Him and were in sin, His son was sent to die in that world’s place so that we might be saved and live in freedom.  Love stubbornly believes in reconciliation to God in Christ. It is a posture and stands as an action and attitude of the heart and spirit. That is why love can bear up under anything. Love doesn’t give in to the gratification of self. It knows that only God satisfies us. So, the intercessor discerns how to draw upon the heart that the Father has for His creation to bring about settlements and resolutions to the problems, circumstances, and culturist views that they might face.

Love does not lessen the law, but it appeals to the mercy and goodness of the Lord. Romans 2:4 tells us that it is His kindness that leads to repentance. He showed us this kindness in Christ Jesus, and we are positioned to act in partnership with Him, and all He is, in the heavenly realms. (Ephesians 2:6-7) We must bring all things under the judgment of God's Word.

When laying down our lives, our thoughts, our feelings, our emotions, our pains, our disasters, our nakedness, our "rights," our opinions, our beliefs, our judgments, we can lean on our Lover and learn about love as strong as death. The conquering lifestyle of an intercessor knows about how ideas, powers, cares, worldly systems, cultures, and environments, nothing in all creation, can quench love. (SOS 8:5-7, Romans 8:35-39, 1 John 3:16) *Love never fails.* **1 Corinthians 13:8** “Fails” here technically means, “is never hissed off the stage like a bad actor.” Love has a part to play in every stage of life. Good or bad. Here and now. Now and forever.

**1 Cor 13**

*If I had the gift of prophecy, and if I knew all the mysteries of the future and knew everything about everything, but didn't love others, what good would I be? And if I had the gift of faith so that I could speak to a mountain and make it move, without love I would be no good to anybody.*

*3 If I gave everything I have to the poor and even sacrificed my body, I could boast about it; but if I didn't love others, I would be of no value whatsoever.*

*4 Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud 5 or rude. Love does not demand its own way. Love is not irritable, and it keeps no record of when it has been wronged. 6 It is never glad about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. 7 Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*

*8 Love will last forever, but prophecy and speaking in unknown languages and special knowledge will all disappear. 9 Now we know only a little, and even the gift of prophecy reveals little! 10 But when the end comes, these special gifts will all disappear.*

*11 It's like this: When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. 12 Now we see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now.*

*13 There are three things that will endure — faith, hope, and love — and the greatest of these is love.*