

Symphony of Love - Never Fails 3/29/26 I Corinthians 13:4-8

I. BEARETH ALL THINGS “To roof over, to cover with silence” Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.

A. Cover all things Proverbs 17:9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.

1. Don't let their sin steal your relationship I Peter 4:8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall **cover** (root = **klepto**) the multitude of sins. **Money belt**
2. Cover it with prayer James 5:15-16,20 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much... Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. **Every time they do “it”, “It” is an opportunity for you to pray for them!**

B. Don't bare their sins Genesis 9:20-23

1. Don't focus on the sin Genesis 9:22 “**Saw**” = “**didn't stop looking at, kept thinking about, dwelled on**”

2. “**Told his two brethren**” Matthew 18:15

Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. **There is a time and place to talk about it.**

C. Grin & bare it! **Support pillars** Galatians 6:1-2

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; **considering** thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

1. Consider thyself Matthew 7:3-5 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but **considerest** not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. **Toothpick vs. 2 x 4**

- Are their things in my own life that I need to get right?
- Am I contributing to the problem?
- Am I making the problem worse by my emotional response in the flesh?

a) Show me my percentage Psalm 139:23-24  
Search me, O God, and know my heart: try  
me, and know my thoughts: And see if there  
be any wicked way in me, and lead me in  
the way everlasting.

b) Not the enemy! Matthew 5:43-48

2. Show your strength in their weakness Romans 15:1-2 We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.
3. Forebear Colossians 3:13-14 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. **If I treat them nice they are going to think it is ok!**  
Romans 5:8 **God didn't condone our sin.**
4. God does not give us more than we can bear I Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. **Three A's - Adultery, Abuse, & Addiction - Always with the goal of restoration**

## II. BELIEVETH ALL THINGS

A. To believe you have to be! II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. “I can do all of the right things and not be the right person, but I cannot be the right person and not do the right things.”

1. You have got to be saved John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

a) Believe you are a sinner Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

b) Believe you will never be good enough Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

c) Believe God loves you, died for you and will save you Romans 10:9-10,13 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man

believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation... For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

2. You have to choose to **be**(lieve) God Ephesians 5:1-2 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. Ephesians 4:30-32 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

3. Be loved I John 4:10-11, 20-21 **I can't - God can (Letter to dad)**

B. More than leaves Song of Solomon 2:1-4 I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his

banner over me was love. Cultivate and grow your garden!

1. Our first response is to leave - leave the relationship, leave the church, etc. ~~1 Corinthians 7:12-16~~ Believer should not leave. Hebrews 13:5 ...for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. Have to work through this.
2. Believe these problems can help you to grow  
Luke 13:6-9 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.
3. Need fruit Galatians 5:22-25 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

C. Don't stop believing in them and God! Mark 9:24  
And straightway the father of the child cried out, and  
said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine  
unbelief. Don't stop believing!

III. HOPETH ALL THINGS Faith and hope are different I  
Corinthians 13:13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity,  
these three; but the greatest of these is charity. I have faith  
that the sun will rise tomorrow. I hope it won't rain  
tomorrow.

A. Hope defined Hebrews 11:1,6 Now faith is the  
substance (confidence) of things hoped for, the  
evidence of things not seen... But without faith it is  
impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God  
must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of  
them that diligently seek him. Believe God will  
change your situation or change you!

a) Faith is the foundation of hope Romans  
5:1-5

b) Work of faith & labor of love I  
Thessalonians 1:3 Remembering without  
ceasing your work (energy) of faith, and  
labour (effort) of love, and patience of hope  
in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God  
and our Father; Knowing, brethren beloved,  
your election of God. vacuum

B. Hope decided Psalm 71:14 But I will hope  
continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

1. Decide to hope in God Lamentations 3:19-26 (1149) You can focus on your afflictions & problems or the Lord.
  2. Hope this time it is different Proverbs 25:19-22 Get tired of hearing the same old song and dance!
  3. Decide to do something different I Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- C. Hope deferred Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
1. Plant a seed James 5:7-9 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. Hope is planting a seed today looking for a harvest tomorrow.
  2. Discretion Proverbs 19:11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger; and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

D. Hope denied II Corinthians 12:7-10

IV. ENDURETH ALL THINGS II Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **Remain in the battle to victory or death**

A. Never quit, never surrender, never give-up, no retreat  
Ephesians 4:27 Neither give place to the devil.

1. Take your stand I Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong.

2. Do it in love I Corinthians 16:14 Let all your things be done with charity. **Talk about your problems** Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. **It is not about changing the other person - about God changing me!**

B. Choose your battles Luke 14:31-33 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whosoever he be of

you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. [Is this hill worth dying on?](#)

1. When to walk away Proverbs 17:14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with. Vs. 1 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, than an house full of sacrifices with strife.

2. When to walk away Matthew 5:38-42

C. Total victory I Corinthians 15: 57-58 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

1. Strength - in the Lord Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

2. Gentleness II Timothy 2:24-26 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may

recover themselves out of the snare of the devil,  
who are taken captive by him at his will.