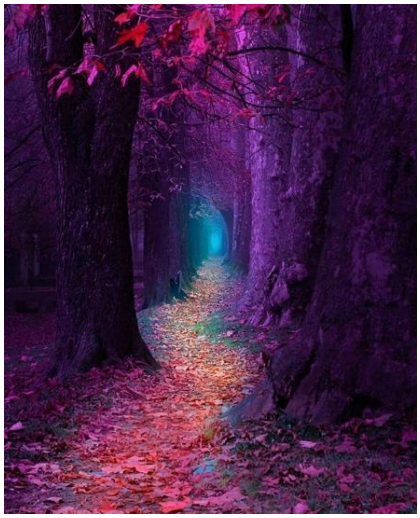
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Love Hopes All Things 13: 7c



Even when belief in a **loved** one's goodness or repentance is shattered, **love** still **hopes** in **all things.** This is not the **hope** that is directed to **God** in expectation of good gifts from **Him**, but the **hope** that is directed toward others which expects what is best from, and for, them. When all seems lost, we hold on to **hope**.[422] **Hope** is the attitude that good will eventually come to those who may now be failing. Failure invades every believer's life, and it often causes others to give up on the one who fails. Yet, believers who **love**, continue to **hope** for the best. This optimism, however, can also become foolishness and wishful thinking. For example, **Paul** did not believe that the incestuous man in **Corinth** would repent without undergoing church discipline (**to see link click Ba – Failure to Discipline an Immoral Brother**).[423]

Therefore, this **hope** is not based on us, but on **Messiah**. As long as **God's** grace is available, human failure is never final. **ADONAI** would not take **Isra'el's** failure as final. **Yeshua** would not take **Peter's** failure as final (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Mn – Jesus Reinstates Peter**), and **Paul** would not take **the Corinthians'** failure as final. As the relationship with the **Corinthian** church became more and more strained, **Paul** kept firing off letters to **them** because **he**

didn't believe that **they** were a hopeless case. There are more than enough promises in the Bible to make **love hopeful**.

*Dear Merciful Heavenly **Father, You** are so wonderful! Praise **You** that as long as **God's** grace is available, human failure is never final. **You** always so graciously woo people to **Yourself** by **Your** fantastic **love**. The family member or friend that seems impossible for us to reach, is reachable by **You**. For **You** know the heart and **You** know just what is needed to cause them to change their minds so that they choose to **love** and to follow **You**. **For nothing will be impossible with God (Luke 1:37).** Praise **You** that **You** are ever seeking after lost ones and that **Your** ways to do things are so much higher and better than our ways **(Isaiah 55:9).***

*We rejoice in laying our loved ones in **Your** hands for **You** to work in their hearts and we praise **Your** wisdom and mighty power. I am thinking of my family members and specific friends who need to seek after and to follow **You**. Please open the eyes of their hearts to see that **You** are **the Best** and **the True** source of joy. May they **realize, "Things no eye has seen and no ear has heard, that have not entered the heart of mankind – these things God has prepared for those who love Him" (First Cor 2:9).** We love **You**. In **Yeshua's** holy name and power of **His** resurrection. Amen*

The parents of a backslidden child, the spouse of an unbelieving marriage partner, the congregation that has disciplined members who do not repent – all **hope** in **love** that the child, the spouse, or the erring brother or sister will be saved or restored. **Love** refuses to take failure as final. The rope of **love's hope** has no end. As long as there is life, **love** does not lose **hope**. When our **hope** is weak, we know our **love** has become weak.[424]