

# Love never fails



1 Corinthians 13:8-14:1

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

## UP: Introduction

Spend some time describing some of your longest lasting relationships.

What have been some of the positive features of these relationships?

What has helped these relationships last over time?

## IN: Explore

READ 1 Corinthians 13:8-14:1

- If God's Love is like a huge lake, where are you in the picture, and where would you like to be?
- Are you able to identify one thing that will help you closer to that place?
- Love never fails: Love never lets you down. But equally being a 'Christian' is not always easy. What are some of your experiences/stories of Trusting God when it's hard to do so? What helps you to trust God?
- What do you make of Paul's images of the mirror, and of the growth from childhood to manhood?
- What does it look like for you to make God's Love your 'Home'?

## OUT: Impact

You may want to pause and visualise going deeper in God's Love (linked to the image of his Love being a Lake) and then to pray for each other.