

# Life Group Discussion Guide

ALWAYS PERSEVERES

*Romans 8:38-39*

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## INTRODUCTION

“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.” (1 Corinthians 13: 6-7 NIV) That deep description of love Paul provides ends with the characteristic of perseverance, a message that love will last no matter what. The dictionary tells us persevere is to persist despite counter influences, opposition or discouragement.

Comfort comes from knowing something will last, stand the test of time and the test of resistance. We may face painful trials, but love will be with us always.

## DISCUSSION STARTER

1. If you were here five years ago, how have you seen God move at FCC since then? If you have arrived in the past five years tell the group how you got here?
2. What do you love the most about FCC?

## EVALUATE IT

1. Read 2 Timothy 4:6-8. What does Paul mean that he is already poured out like a drink offering? Also, what is he saying as he closes out this letter to Timothy?
2. Stuart said, “We just want God to take away the one sinning against us... but it doesn’t always happen that way.” Although God doesn’t promise to take away all the “hard things” of life, what does He promise?
3. Stuart said, “When David sinned, the love of God was just as engaged, just as locked in as when David took down Goliath.” What does that teach you about your Heavenly Father?
4. How can a person be sure that bad times aren’t a signal of God’s displeasure with him or her? Why is it faulty thinking to believe that if I’m not experiencing difficulty then God must really be pleased with me?

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How do you demonstrate trust in God and what does it look like for you to trust God to work out your circumstances for good?
2. Have you ever allowed the notion that our relationship with our Heavenly Father ebbs and flows on our behavior? If so, how hard has that been on you? If not, why not? How have you resisted the temptation to perform?

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"We count on God's mercy for our past mistakes, on God's love for our present needs, on God's sovereignty for our future."

- Augustine



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