



## Love means believing in someone

Love takes time. It needs a history of giving and receiving, laughing, and crying.

Love doesn't promise instant gratification, only ultimate fulfillment.

Love means believing in someone, in something; it presupposes a willingness to struggle, to work, to suffer, and to rejoice.

Love is doing everything you can to help others build whatever dreams they have.

Love is on a constant journey to what others need. It must be attentive, caring, and open, both to what others say and to what others cannot say.

Love will never reject others. It is the first to encourage and the last to condemn.

Love is a commitment to growth, happiness, and fulfillment of one another.

—Adapted from Barb Upham

**Love suffers long and is kind;  
 Love does not envy;  
 Love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;  
 does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked,  
 thinks no evil;  
 does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;  
 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.  
 Love never fails.**

**(The Bible, 1 Corinthians 13:4–8 NKJ)**