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Love Never Fails - Jehovah Nissi

1 Cor. 13:7-8a It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails.

I had not made the connection before, but it makes so much sense to me now. God's love is our protection. Song of Solomon 2:4 He brought me to the banqueting house, and His banner over me was love. In Exodus, Moses built an altar after the defeat of the Amalekites and he named the place Jehovah Nissi, the Lord Who Is Our Banner. God is our banner of victory and our pole of gathering. And it all has to do with His great love. When we abide in His love; His banqueting house, His protection over us is love. As we love with His love, He protects us, goes before us, leads us, speaks through us, live in us, and provides everything that we need. The Greek word for protects is stegei which is also translated bears you up. He is the lifter of my head - Psalm 3:3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. The love of God is not only our banner of victory, but it is also our shield that surrounds us.

When we start to understand and appropriate His great love, He will protect us from the counterfeit love of this world and fill us with His true love. And, because of this, we can love others no matter what they have done. We can see them through His eyes and not our own. His love is so protective, it will keep us in the center of His will as we walk in His love.

There is no greater place to live than in the magnificent love of our Heavenly Father!

Dear Father, what great love You have poured out upon us; love so undeserved and yet so freely given. Thank You for Your protection. You are my banner of victory. You are my pole of gathering. You are my shield and my portion. You are the lifter of my head. I praise You Jehovah Nissi, the One who will always protect because of Your Mighty Love. In Jesus Name, Amen