

1 CORINTHIANS 13:8 SAYS:
"LOVE NEVER FAILS."¹

Love Never Fails to Love!

In my younger years, I took it to mean that love
was always strong enough to get what it wanted.



DADDY, I WAS
THINKING ABOUT
GIVING MY DOLLY TO
ANGELA.

THAT'S SWEET
OF YOU, MARA.

NOW MAYBE
HE'LL BUY ME A
NEW ONE FOR
CHRISTMAS.

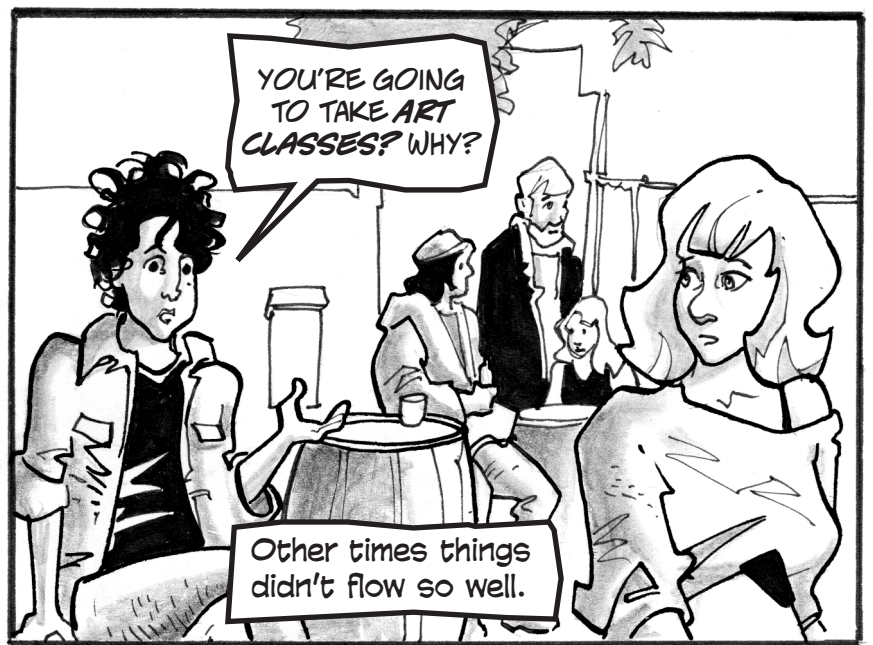
"Love" could
outsmart, convince,
reason, persuade, or
encourage whatever
I thought was
necessary.

When I
got older,
I realized
that love
didn't work
that way.

I had some of my
first experiences
with the ups and
downs of close
friendships.

WE APPRECIATE YOU
VOLUNTEERING TO
HELP WITH THE SOUP
KITCHEN, MARA.

BUT WE TRUST IT'S
NOT JUST BECAUSE
YOUR FRIEND,
GAVIN, IS HERE.



One of us would hit a rough patch, do something that hurt the other,



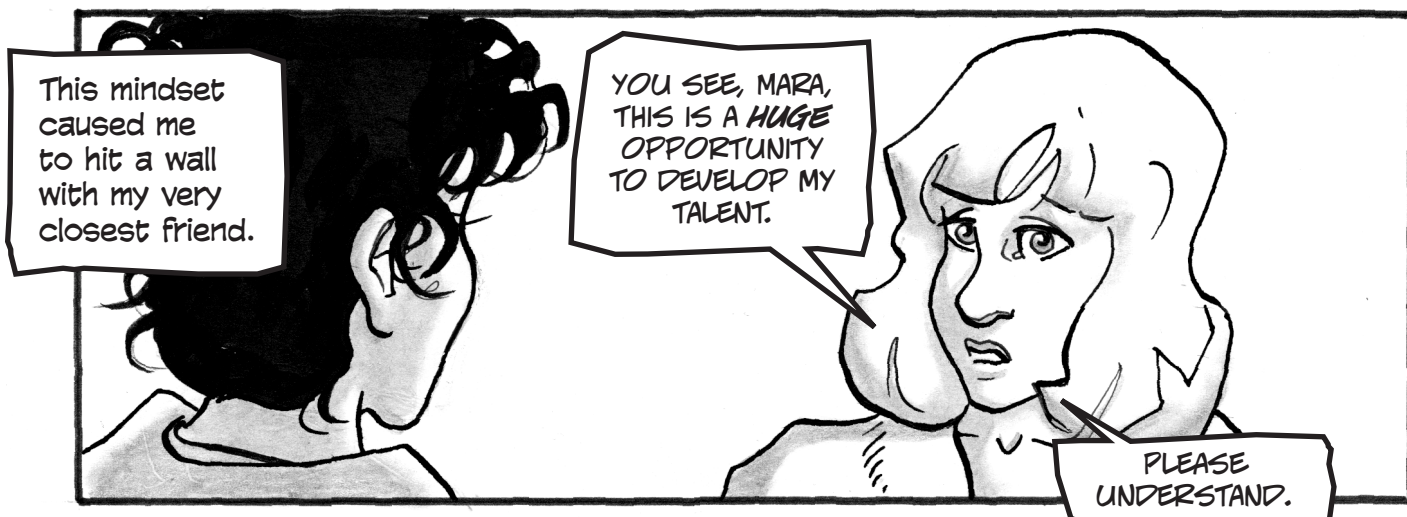
or pursue a friendship that wasn't inclusive.

When that happened, I always tried to figure out how to get things back to the way I felt they should be.

I THOUGHT THAT YOU AND I WOULD GET TOGETHER AS USUAL.



I didn't always look at what my friend needed or wanted.



This mindset caused me to hit a wall with my very closest friend.

YOU SEE, MARA, THIS IS A **HUGE** OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP MY TALENT.

PLEASE UNDERSTAND.



Eventually, she and I fell so out of sync it was hard for me to believe that we used to spend time climbing hills together,

frequenting our favorite shops,

and talking to each other.

I missed her and I wanted things to go back to how they were!

I finally took some time to pray about it.



The verse God brought to mind was...

LOVE NEVER FAILS.

I was more desperate than usual and felt that I needed something deeper.

That's when it dawned on me: **Love Never Fails to Love!**

Love isn't after any set outcome

It's just going to keep on giving love!

This realization was the key to unlocking what the preceding verses in 1 Corinthians 13 were talking about. Love:

"bears all things"

IT'S OKAY
IF YOU'RE
UPSET AT ME

"believes all things"

I KNOW YOU
ARE AN **AMAZING**
PERSON

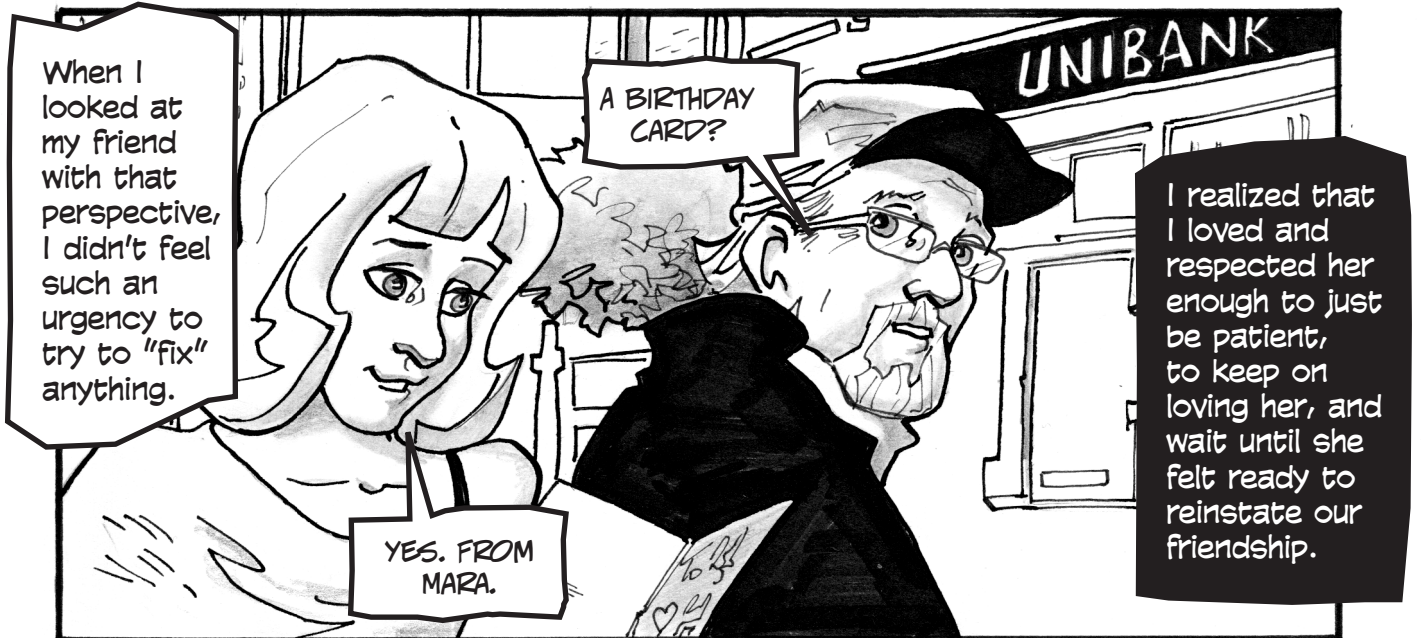
"hopes all things"

I KNOW
WE'RE STILL
FRIENDS

"endures all things"

I CAN WAIT
UNTIL YOU FEEL
LIKE BEING
FRIENDS AGAIN

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The Bible tells us that God is love²



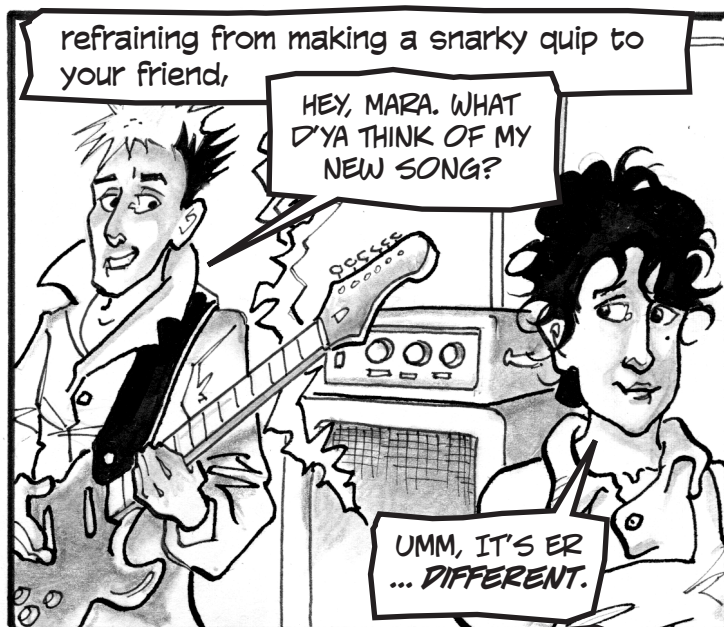
That right there pretty much makes it clear that we will never fully grasp love or ever have enough love ourselves, but it also highlights why love is so powerful, so worth striving for.

When we love, we partake of God's essence. That's a *big deal!*

Love has many different faces.



giving something you really like to someone who needs it more than you,





Footnotes

- 1 New International Version
- 2 1 John 4:8