

GOD Never Fails

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

1 John 4:1-21

"When love, acceptance and forgiveness characterize our lives and our churches, the Lord will send us people who need to be made whole. A pastor friend called me one day very upset at our church. This was a brother I liked and respected then, and still do. He was irritated because some of his people had started coming to our church. I knew what he was talking about and I felt he needed to get it off his chest, so I let him talk. At one point he said: You know what you are out there? You're nothing but a bunch of garbage collectors."

As I thought about it, I realized he was telling the truth. That's exactly what we are, garbage collectors. What were we before Jesus found us? Weren't we all just garbage? Jesus finds us and recycles us.

I mentioned this in church one Sunday and afterward a man who owns a garbage collection agency came floating up the aisle, all excited. "THAT'S SUPER", he said. "LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING ABOUT GARBAGE. There's a landfill near here. For 10 years we used it as a place to dump trash and garbage. Know what's there now? A BEAUTIFUL PARK."

I've seen human garbage become beautiful too. I've seen the stench of sin turned into the fragrance of heaven. That's our business.....

When love, acceptance and forgiveness prevail, the church of Jesus Christ becomes what Jesus was in the world; a center of love designed for the healing of broken people.

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1. God cannot fail, BECAUSE GOD IS EVERLASTING

1 John 4:7-8;

1 Corinthians 13:8-13;

1 John 4:20-21;

1 Corinthians 13:1-7

2. God cannot fail, BECAUSE GOD ENDURES ALL THINGS

1 Corinthians 4-7;

Philippians 2:1-16;

Matthew 10:16-22

3. God cannot fail, BECAUSE HE UNCONDITIONALLY LOVES US

Romans 8:34-39;

Romans 8:28

Galatians 2:20

1 John 4:18-