

SteadFast Love

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The word Steadfast comes from two words, **Stead** and **Fast**.

Stead meaning: stand (as in 'to stand'), place and spot.

Fast meaning firmly fixed, constant, secure, strong and fortified,

SteadFast means “standing firmly fixed”, like a warrior standing his ground or position in battle.

Steadfast is used over 215 times in the Bible and most of the time in the phrase “**SteadFast Love**.”

This is God's unwavering, loyal, and merciful love that endures forever. It's a love that is not based on human merit or behavior, but on God's own character and covenant promises. This love is often described as unchanging, faithful, and compassionate, extending even to those who don't deserve it.

God's steadfast love is not contingent on human actions or feelings. It's a love that persists regardless of our circumstances or how we may feel. It is also described as eternal, meaning it has no end.

The battle ready **SteadFast** partners with **Love** because it involves humans who are frail, vulnerable, fallible and ever changing. God is the ultimate strong yet soft, and tough yet tender, Father of mankind.

Steadfast love is God's default setting, His baseline position. God isn't moved by our erratic behaviour but ever ready to embrace us and help us re-center.

Today we're going to dive into the book of Jonah to better understand the **SteadFast Love** of God as it relates to Nineveh and Jonah himself. Sermon Text: **Jonah (ESV) 1-4**