

**MOTHER'S DAY
THROUGH FATHER'S DAY:
MARRIAGE AND
THE FAMILY**

SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES:

1. Marriage was God's creation and design, and *most* people get married.
2. Husbands and wives are Christians FIRST, and our first responsibility is to God.
3. The married person is *expected (by God!)* to strive to please his/her spouse (*as part of our obedience and submission to God!*)

SOME BASIC PRINCIPLES:

4. SINCE the marriage relationship is *intended* to be a picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church...there is an **apologetic and evangelistic incentive** to have strong, healthy marriages! **Eph. 5:32; Titus 2:5, 10.**

**HOW TO TREAT A WIFE:
LOVE HER!**

**HOW TO TREAT A HUSBAND:
RESPECT HIM!**



The Love She Most Desires

LOVE & RESPECT

The Respect He Desperately Needs

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A FOCUS ON THE FAMILY. *Book*

Husbands are
commanded
to Agapé love
their wives!

Wives are
instructed
to Phileō love
their husbands!

Husbands give love
to meet their
wife's needs

Wives give respect
to meet their
husband's needs.

BUT WHAT ABOUT “R-E-S-P-E-C-T”??

Made popular by:

Aretha Franklin, 1967

But it was written by,
and first performed by...

Otis Redding, 1965!

HOW TO HAVE A FAIR FIGHT!

By “Fair Fight” I mean one that honors your spouse, showing love and respect, and leaves both the individuals and the relationship stronger when it is over than before it began.

HOW TO HAVE A FAIR FIGHT...Ephesians 4!

- Speak the truth, 25.
 - ✓ In love, 15.
 - ✓ Recognizing your relationship, 25.
- Control your anger, 26-27.
 - ✓ Discern why you are angry!
 - ✓ Control the expression of your anger.

ANGER

Where did
it come
from?

What are
you **ANGRY**
about??

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it come
from?

What are
you **ANGRY**
about??

ANGER

What will
you **DO** with
your anger?

How will you
RESPOND in
your anger.

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from?

What are
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ANGER
(Danger)

What will
you DO with
your anger?

How will you
RESPOND in
your anger.

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 - ✓ Resolve your anger promptly!

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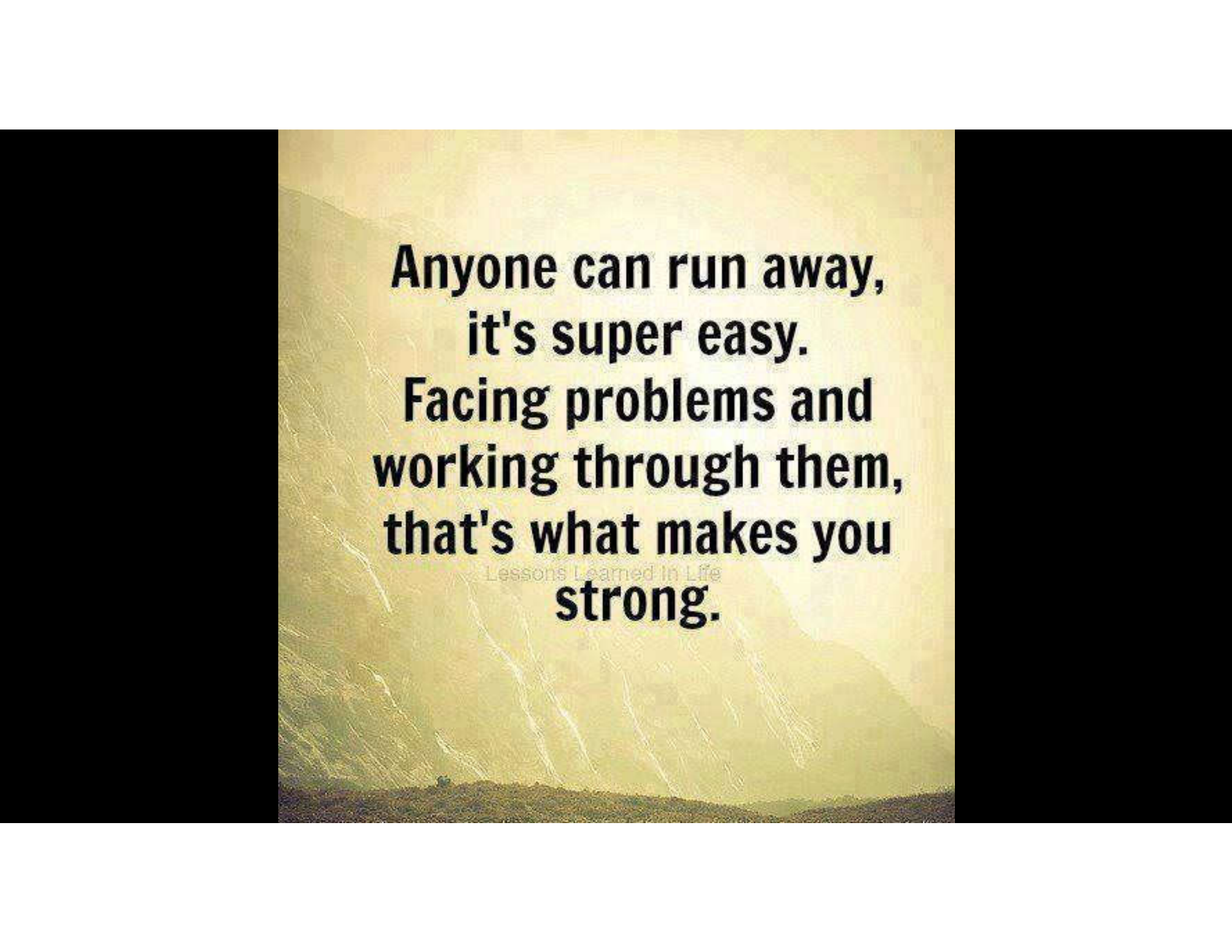
- Use no unwholesome words!, 29.
 - ✓ No swearing!
 - ✓ No name-calling!
 - ✓ No threats!
 - ✓ Only edifying words!
 - ✓ Only words related to the contemporary issue!
 - ✓ Only words that will communicate grace to the hearer!

“The tongue has
no bones, but it
is strong enough
to break a heart.
So be careful
with your
words.”



HOW TO HAVE A FAIR FIGHT...Ephesians 4!

- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit!, 30.
 - ✓ No bitterness or wrath, 31!
 - ✓ No malice, 31!
 - ✓ Expressing tender-hearted kindness, 32!
 - ✓ Ready to forgive, 32.
 - ❖ Fully!
 - ❖ Freely!
 - ❖ Forever!

The image features a motivational quote centered on a background of a mountain range. The mountains are rendered in a soft, golden-yellow hue, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. A small, dark silhouette of a person is visible on a ridge in the lower-left foreground. The text is presented in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The quote reads: "Anyone can run away, it's super easy. Facing problems and working through them, that's what makes you strong." Below the main quote, the words "Lessons Learned In Life" are written in a smaller, lighter font.

**Anyone can run away,
it's super easy.
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working through them,
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strong.**

Lessons Learned In Life

Husbands,
love your wives

Wives,
respect your husbands

BOTH ARE UNCONDITIONAL...

Not BASED ON WHETHER YOUR SPOUSE IS

“WORTHY” OR *“DESERVES”* IT,

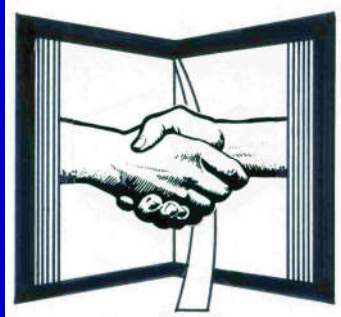
BUT...OUT OF OBEDIENCE TO God!

THAT INCLUDES WHEN YOU AND

YOUR SPOUSE DISAGREE!!

MAYBE ESPECIALLY THEN!!!





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