

**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.

## **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.
  - ✓ Resolve your anger promptly!



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

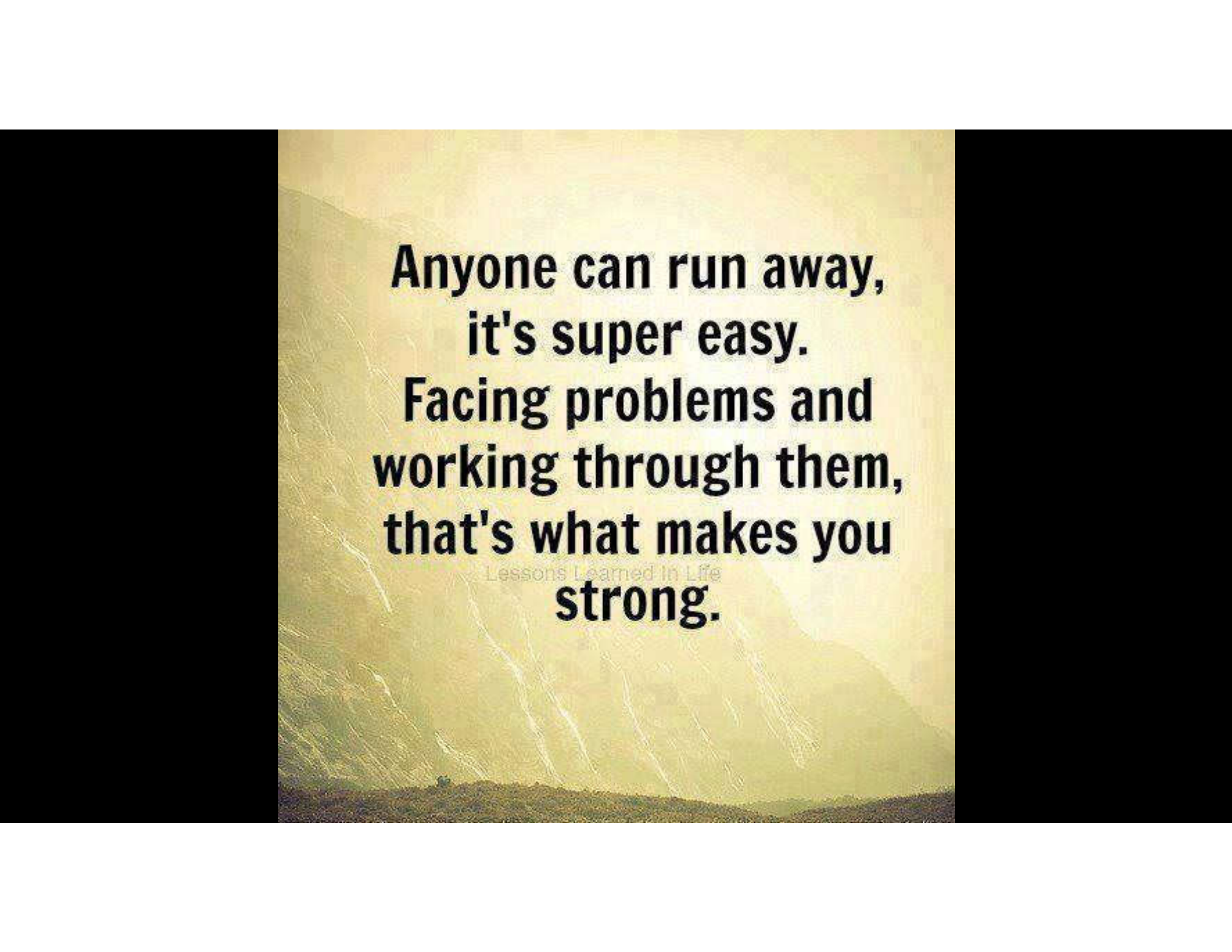
- Use no unwholesome words!, 29.
  - ✓ No swearing!
  - ✓ No name-calling!
  - ✓ No threats!
  - ✓ Only edifying words!
  - ✓ Only words related to the contemporary issue!
  - ✓ Only words that will communicate grace to the hearer!

“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 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,  
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Lessons Learned In Life

# RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

- Have your life filled with the Fruit of the Spirit, not the works of the flesh, Gal. 5:19-21, 22-23.
- Walk worthy of your calling, Eph. 4:1-3
- Be imitators of God and walk in love, Eph. 5:1-4.
- Walk as children of Light, since you ARE Light in the Lord, Eph. 5:7-12.
- Be of the same mind and manifest humility, Philippians 2:1-4.

# RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

- As those who have been chosen of God, put on..., Colossians 3:12-14.
- To sum up, all of you be..., 1 Peter 3:8-12.

# BASICS OF GETTING ALONG:

Notice the Scriptures we looked at:

Galatians 5:19-23; Ephesians 4:1-3; 5:1-4; 5:7-12;

Philippians 2:1-4; Colossians 3:12-14;

I Peter 3:8-12.

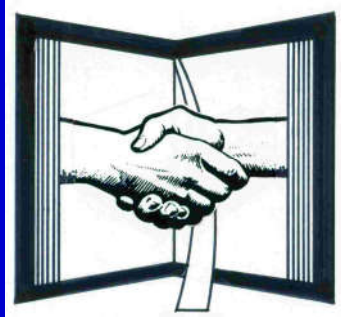
None of these passages are “marriage” passages!

They deal with Christians  
getting along with other Christians!

The most important characteristic  
for being a successful spouse  
is being a  
Godly and growing Christian







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