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Ephesians 6:1-4

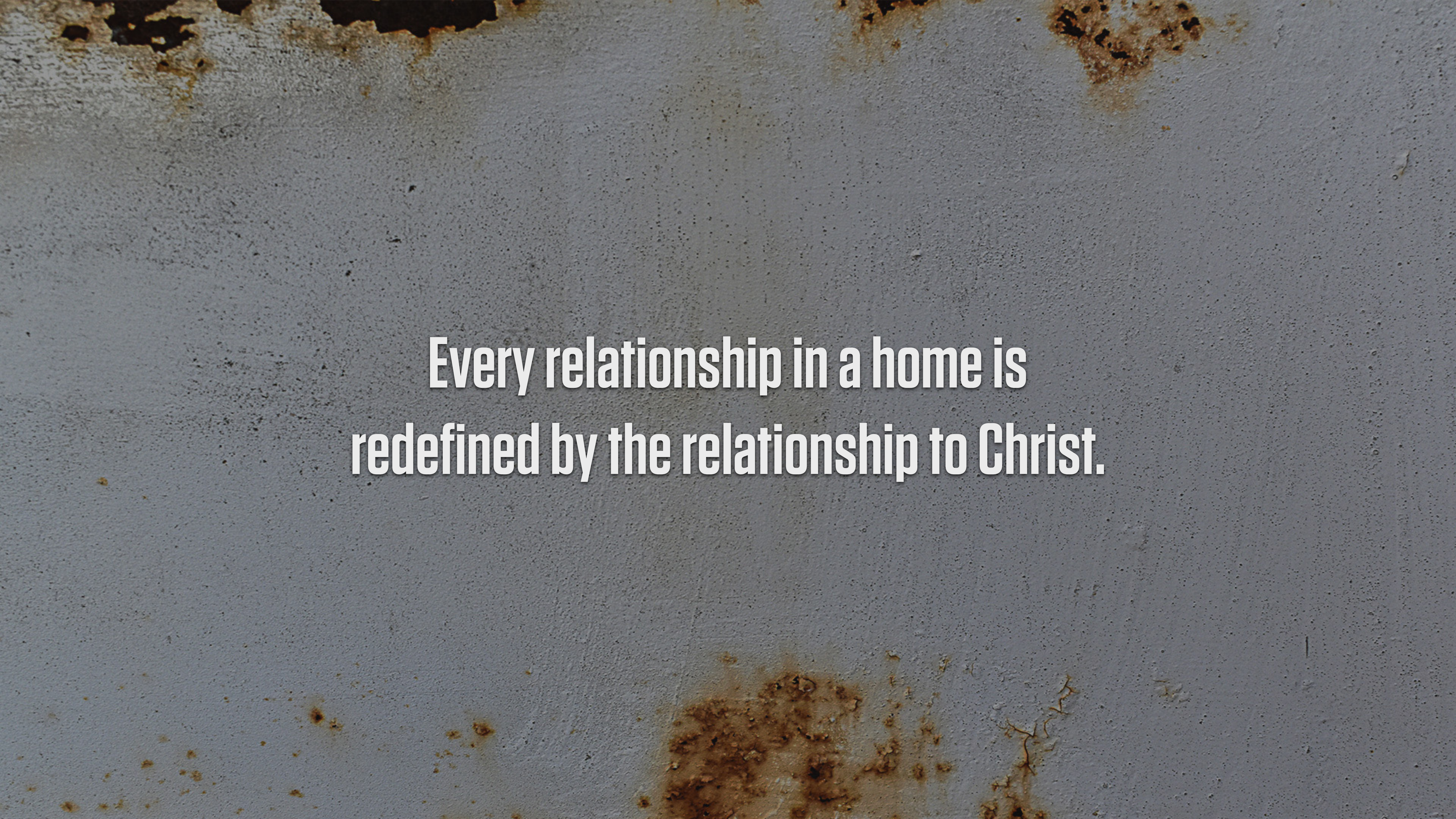
Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.



Matthew 10:34-36

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’”



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**Every relationship in a home is
redefined by the relationship to Christ.**

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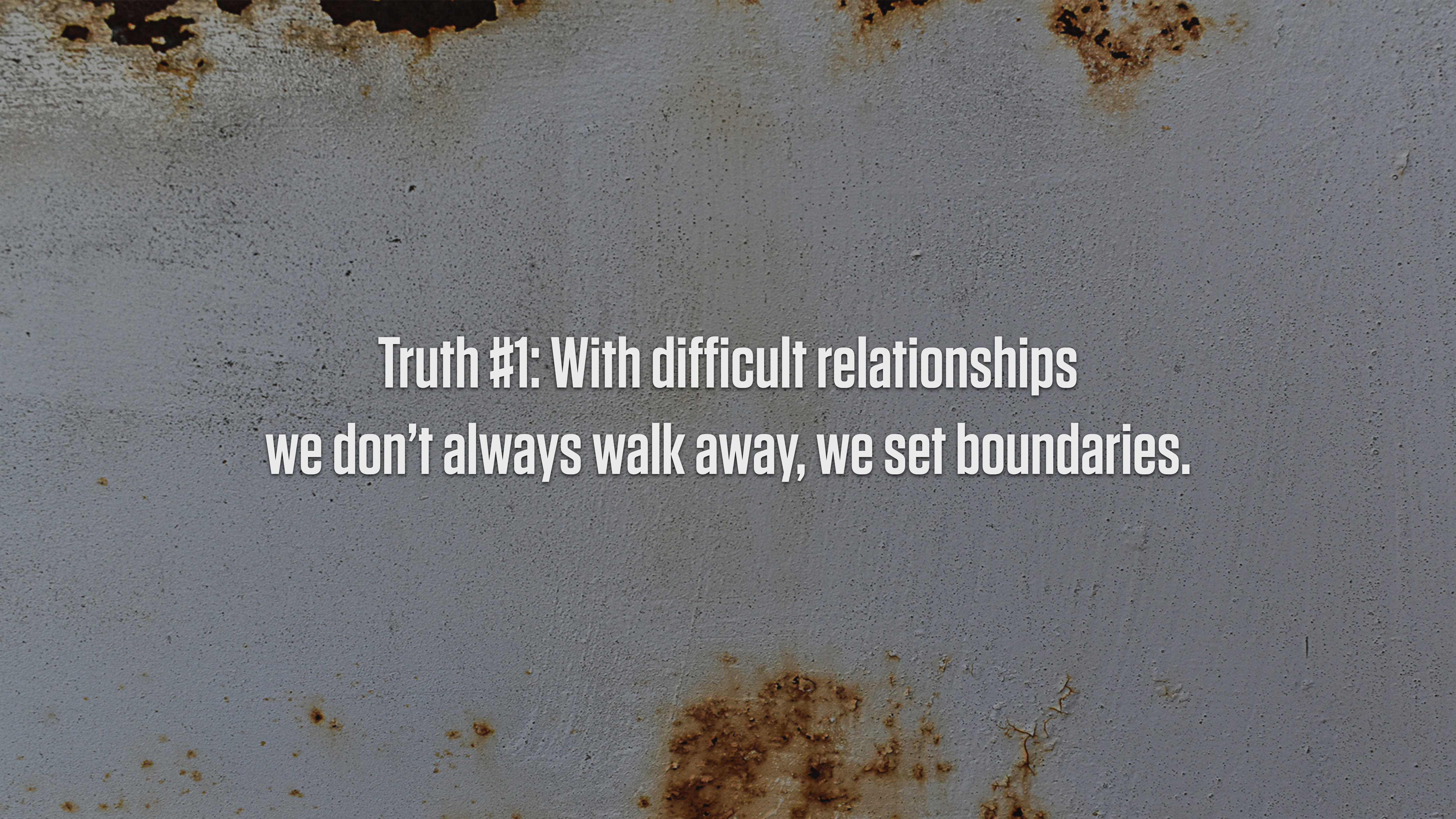
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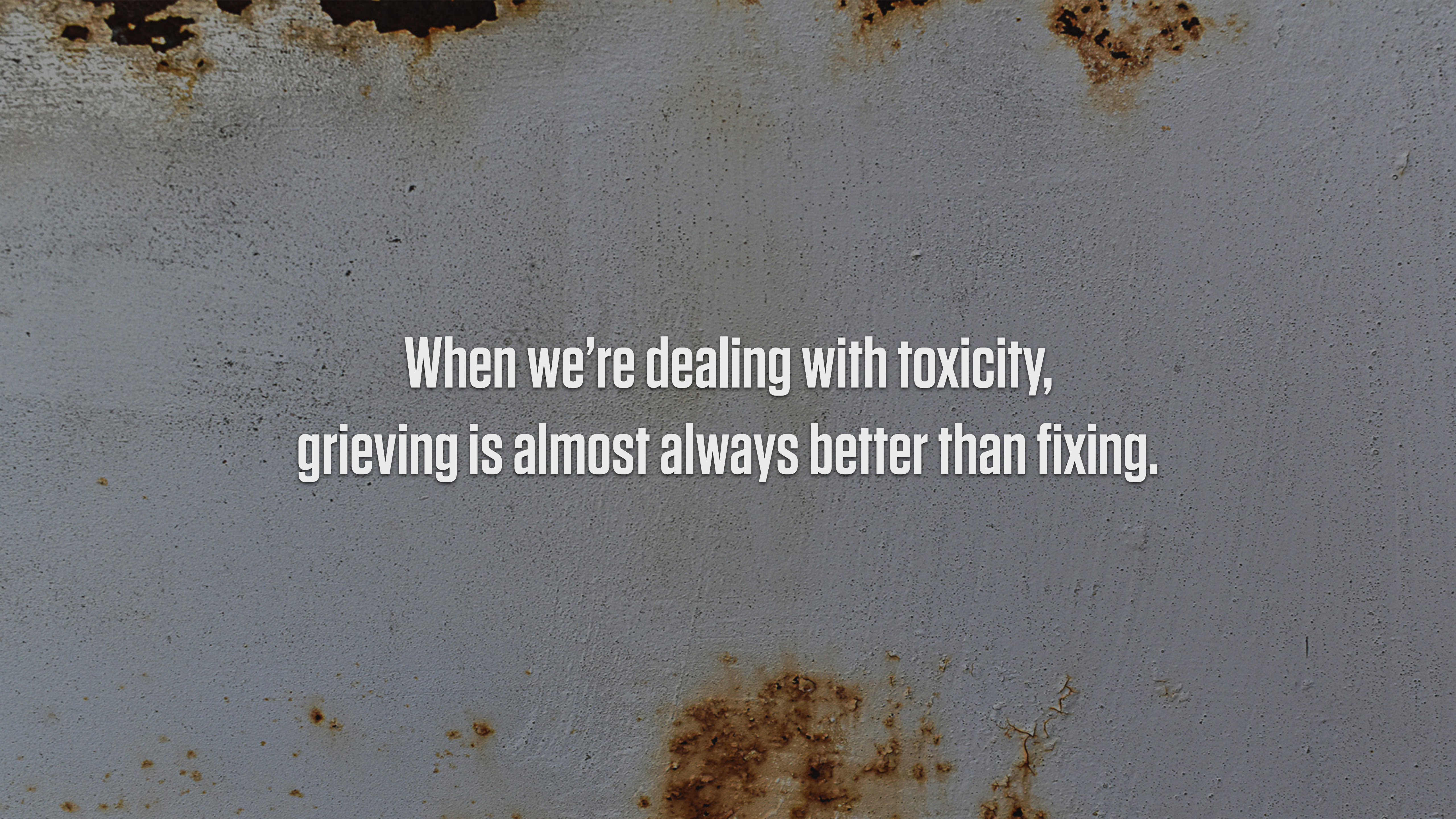
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3. Sometimes honor may need to be reduced to honor for the office of parent rather than the person. Showing honor never requires that we distort the truth.



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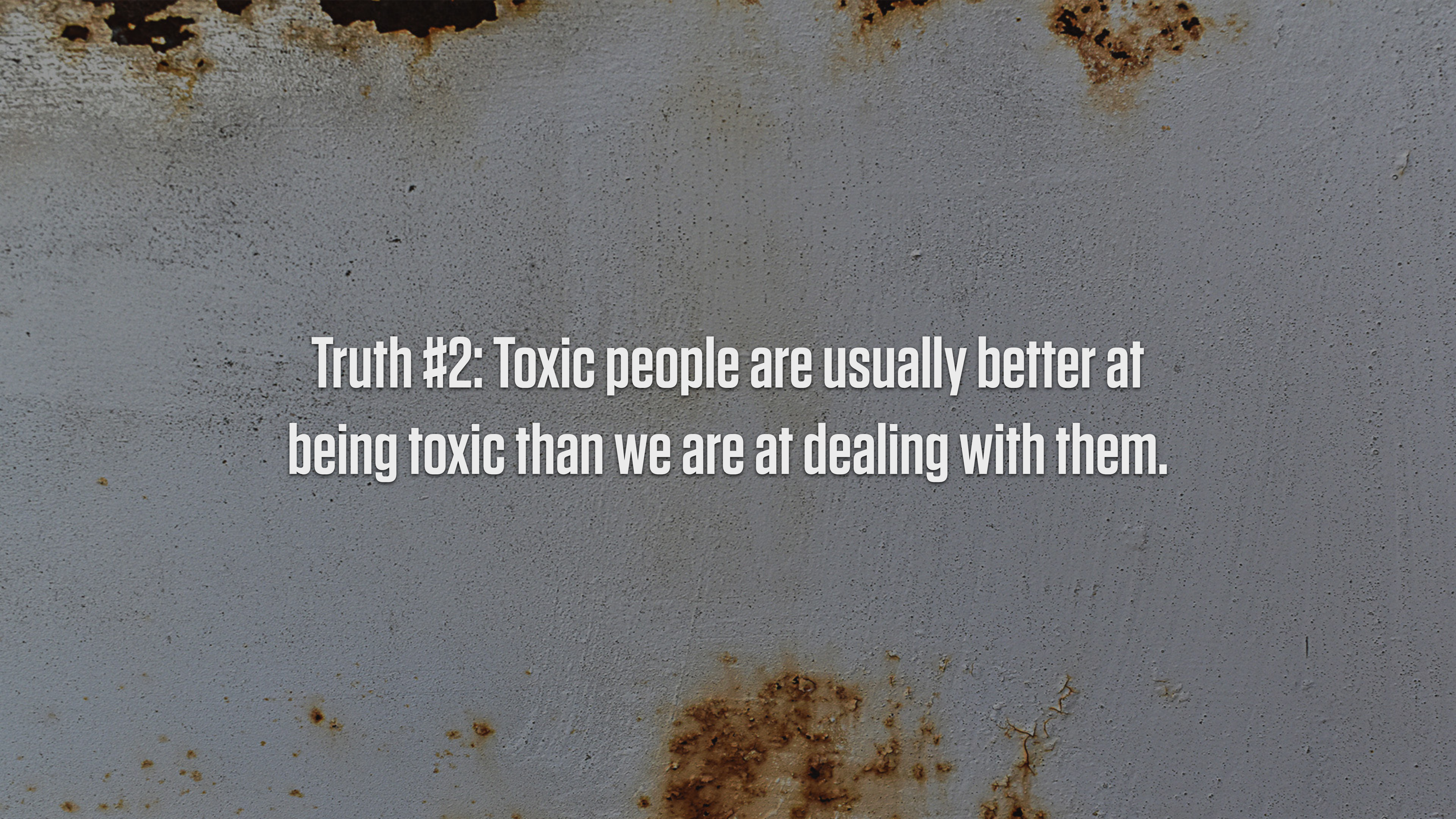
**Truth #1: With difficult relationships
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**When we're dealing with toxicity,
grieving is almost always better than fixing.**



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**Truth #2: Toxic people are usually better at
being toxic than we are at dealing with them.**

John 8:48-50

The Jews answered him, “Aren’t we right in saying that you are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?” “I am not possessed by a demon,” said Jesus, “but I honor my Father and you dishonor me. I am not seeking glory for myself; but there is one who seeks it, and he is the judge.



**Truth #3: Since our actions are all we can control,
the best way to deal with toxic relatives is to make
decisions as if they were healthy and wise in their thinking.**



Psalm 28:7

**The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him,
and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I
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