

**WHEN THINGS
GET T  XIC
IN CHURCH**

Theological reasons for walking away

Galatians 1:6-10

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we

preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

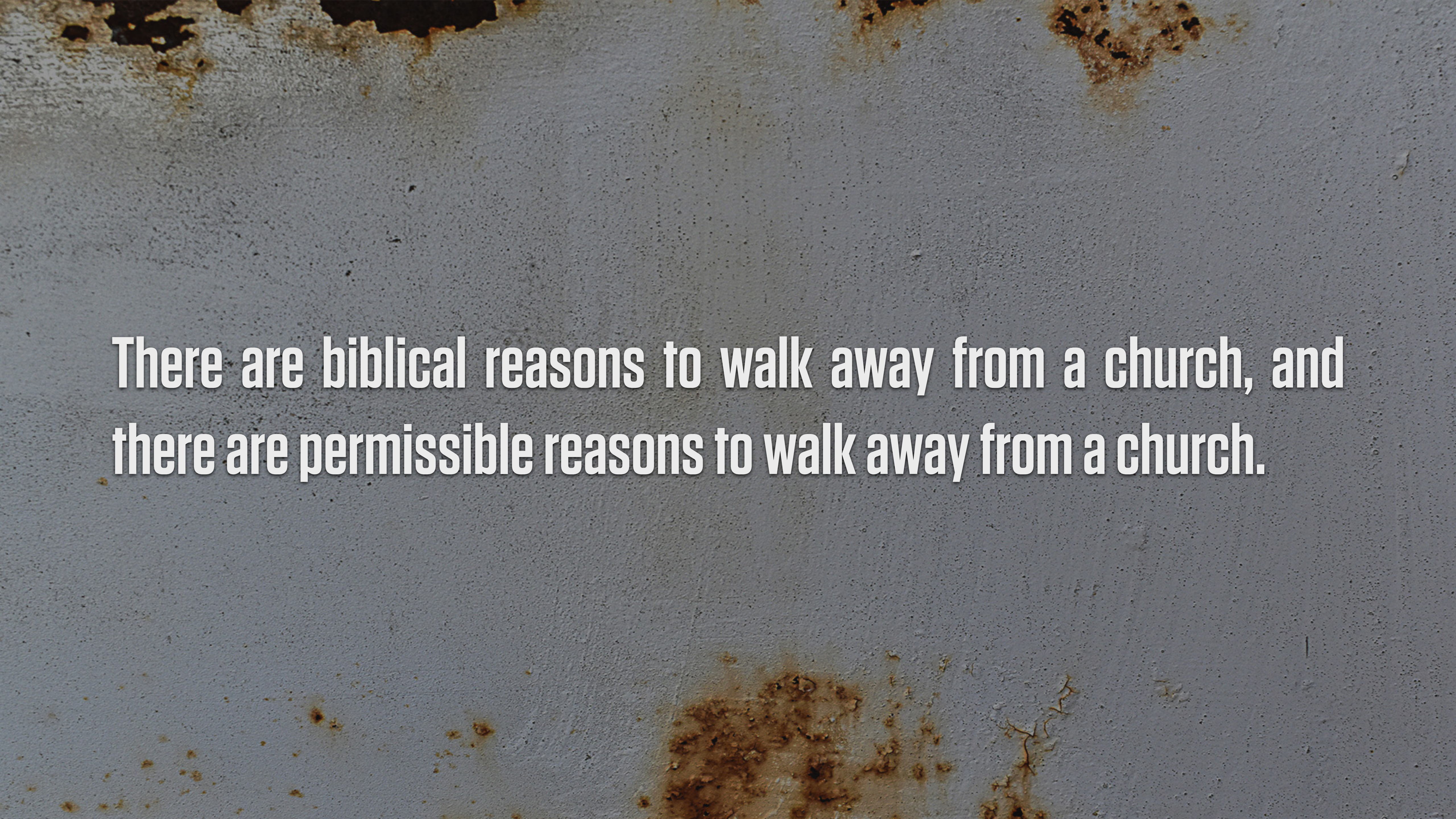
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Leadership reasons for walking away

3 John 9-10

I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first, will not welcome us. So when I come, I will call attention to what he is doing, spreading malicious nonsense about us. Not satisfied with that, he even refuses to welcome other believers. He also stops those who want to do so and puts them out of the church.

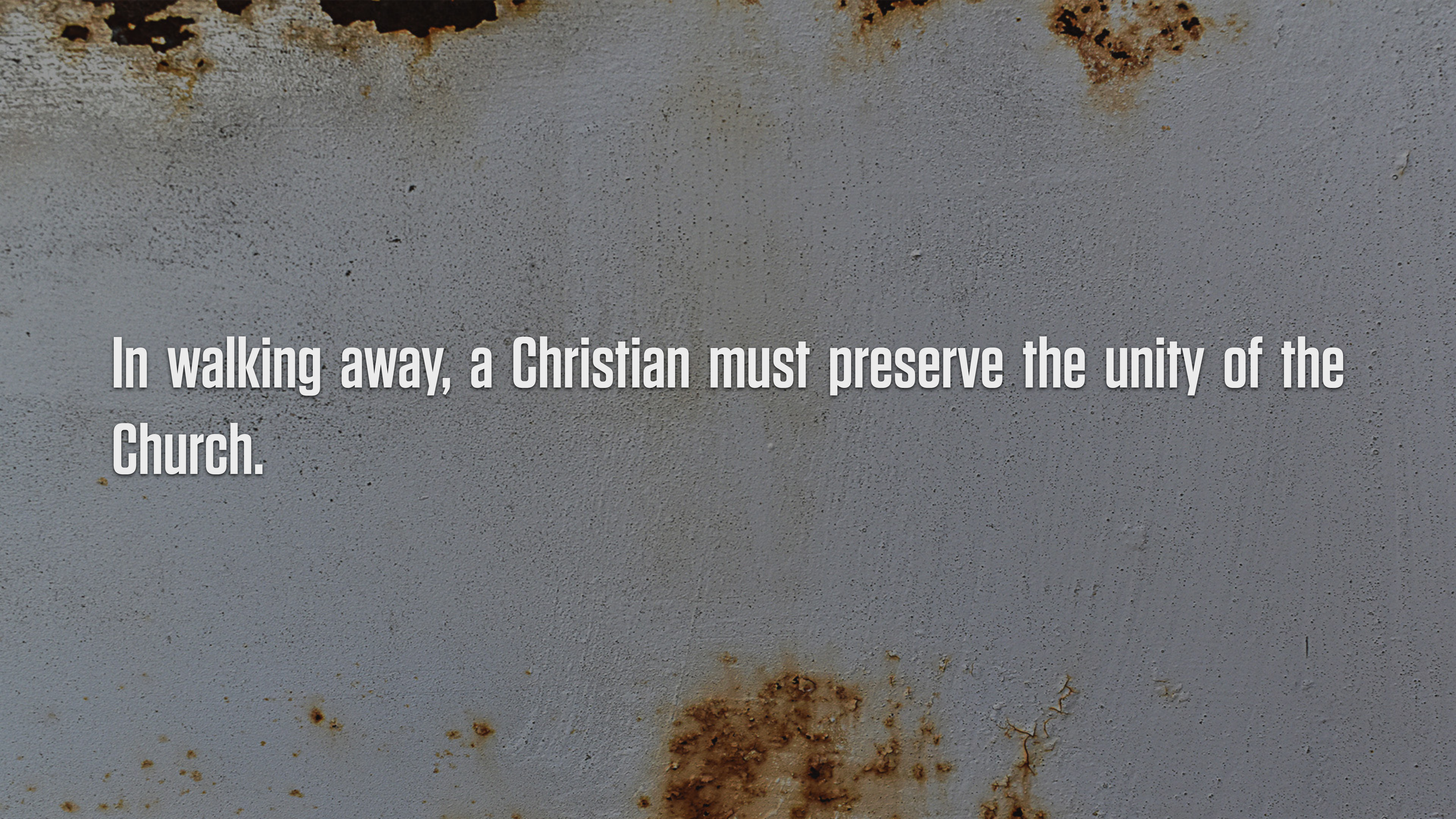


**There are biblical reasons to walk away from a church, and
there are permissible reasons to walk away from a church.**

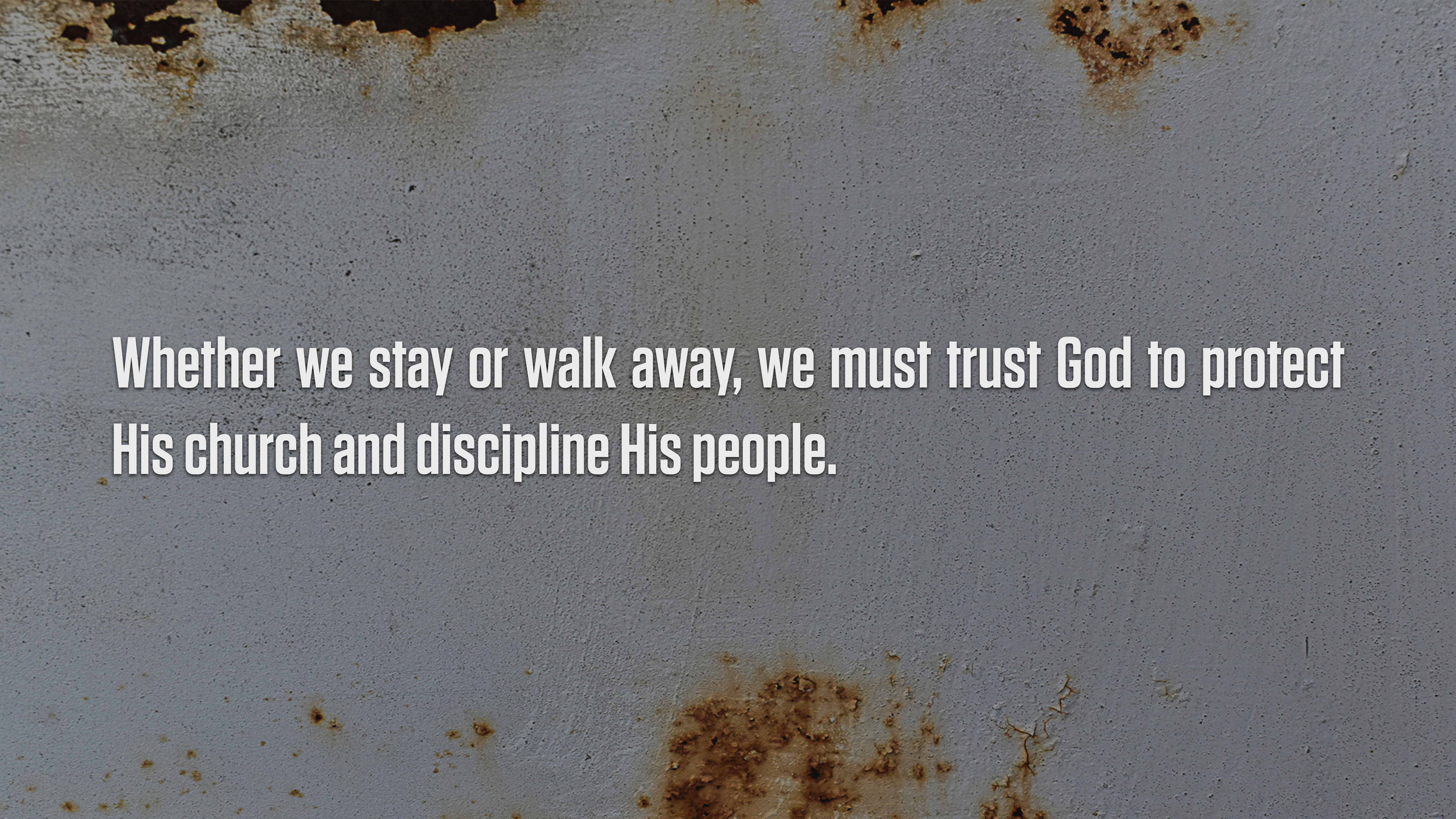
Just because it's not for a biblical reason we walk away,
doesn't make it sinful to leave.

Romans 14:23

...and everything that does not come from faith is sin.



In walking away, a Christian must preserve the unity of the Church.

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**Whether we stay or walk away, we must trust God to protect
His church and discipline His people.**

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