




Lesson Six:

WHAT'S A CHILD TO DO?

(DISOBEDIENT TO PARENTS)





FOUNDATION
SCRIPTURE:

II TIMOTHY 3:1-5



But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:
For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters,
proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal,
despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of
pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness
but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

II TIMOTHY 3:1-5



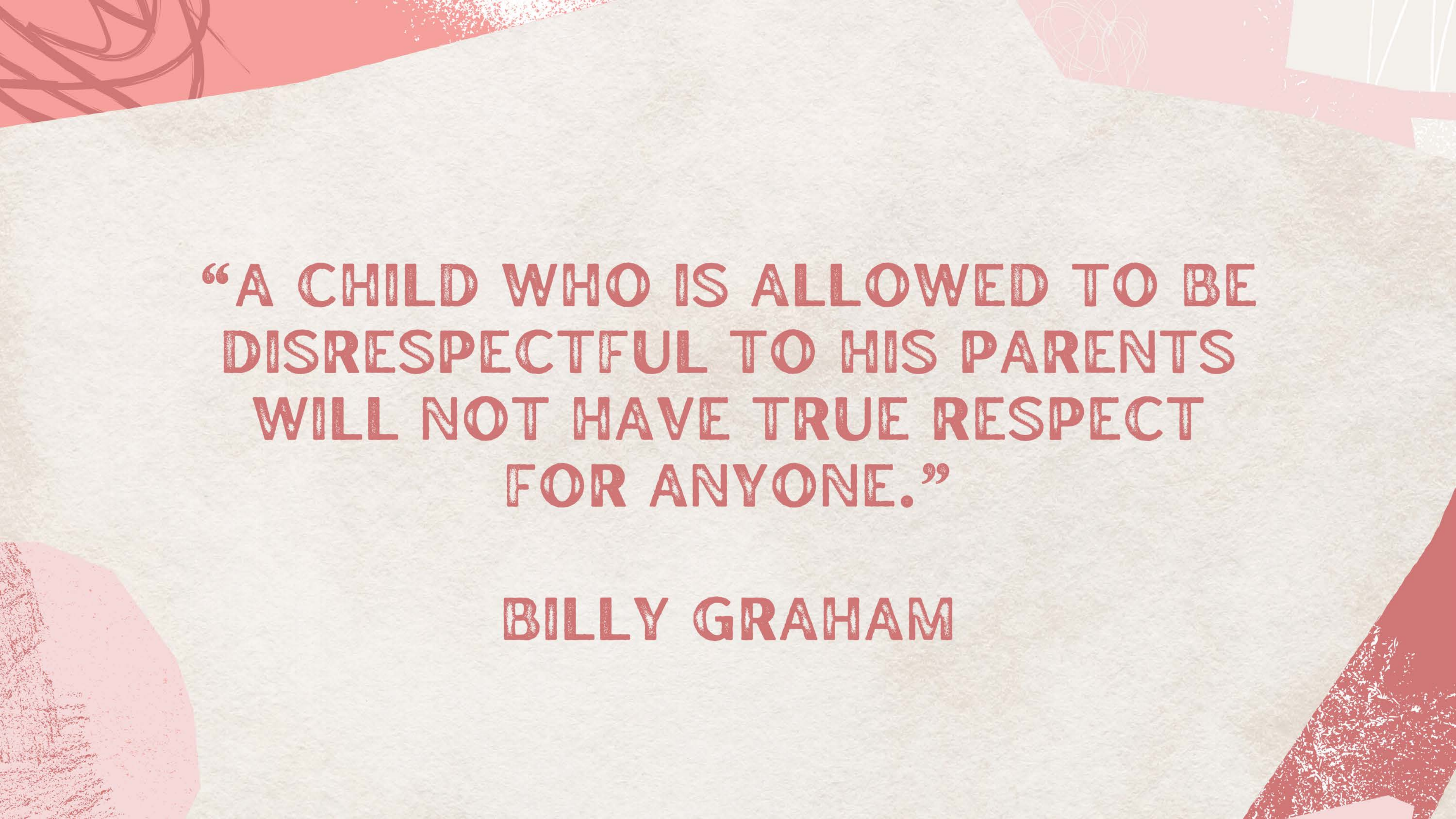
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PROVERBS 30:11

There is a generation that curse
their father, and bless not their
mother.

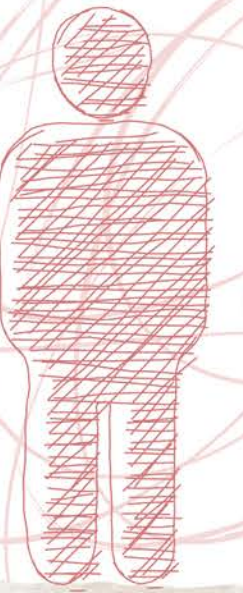
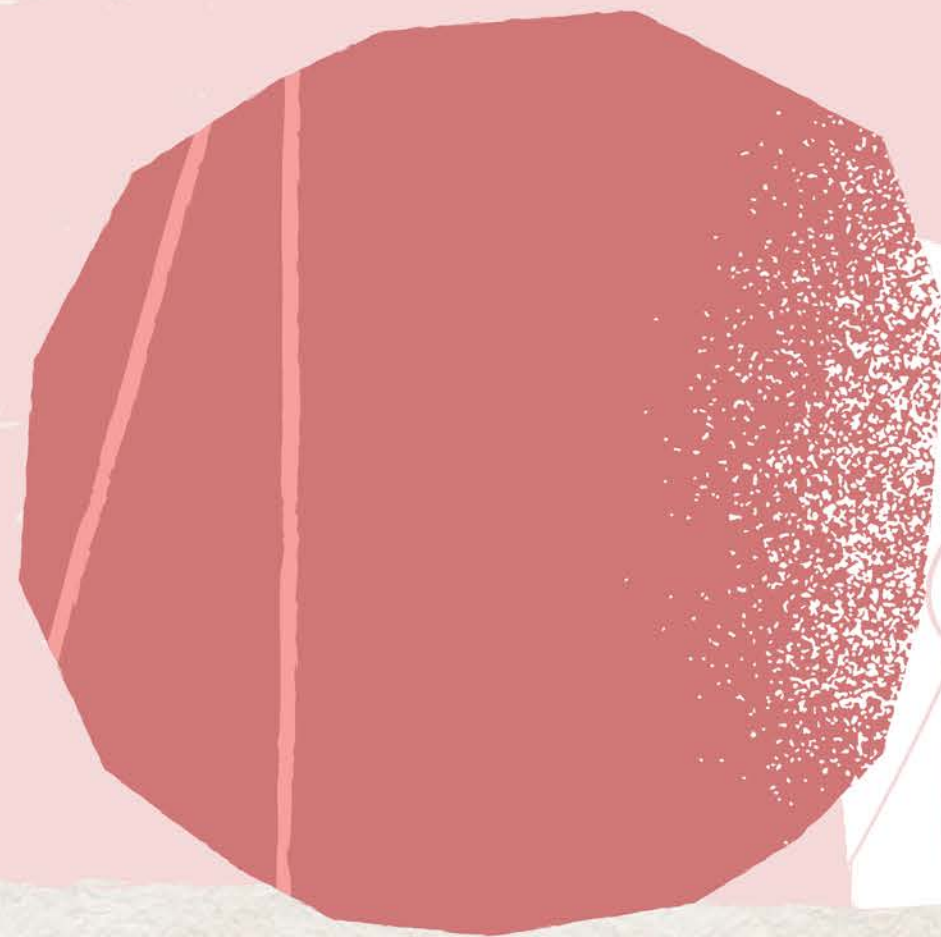


**“A CHILD WHO IS ALLOWED TO BE
DISRESPECTFUL TO HIS PARENTS
WILL NOT HAVE TRUE RESPECT
FOR ANYONE.”**

BILLY GRAHAM

“Now the sons of Eli were scoundrels who had no respect for the LORD.” “The sons of Eli were wicked men. They did not recognize the LORD's authority.”

I SAMUEL 2:12



SCRIPTURE LESSON:

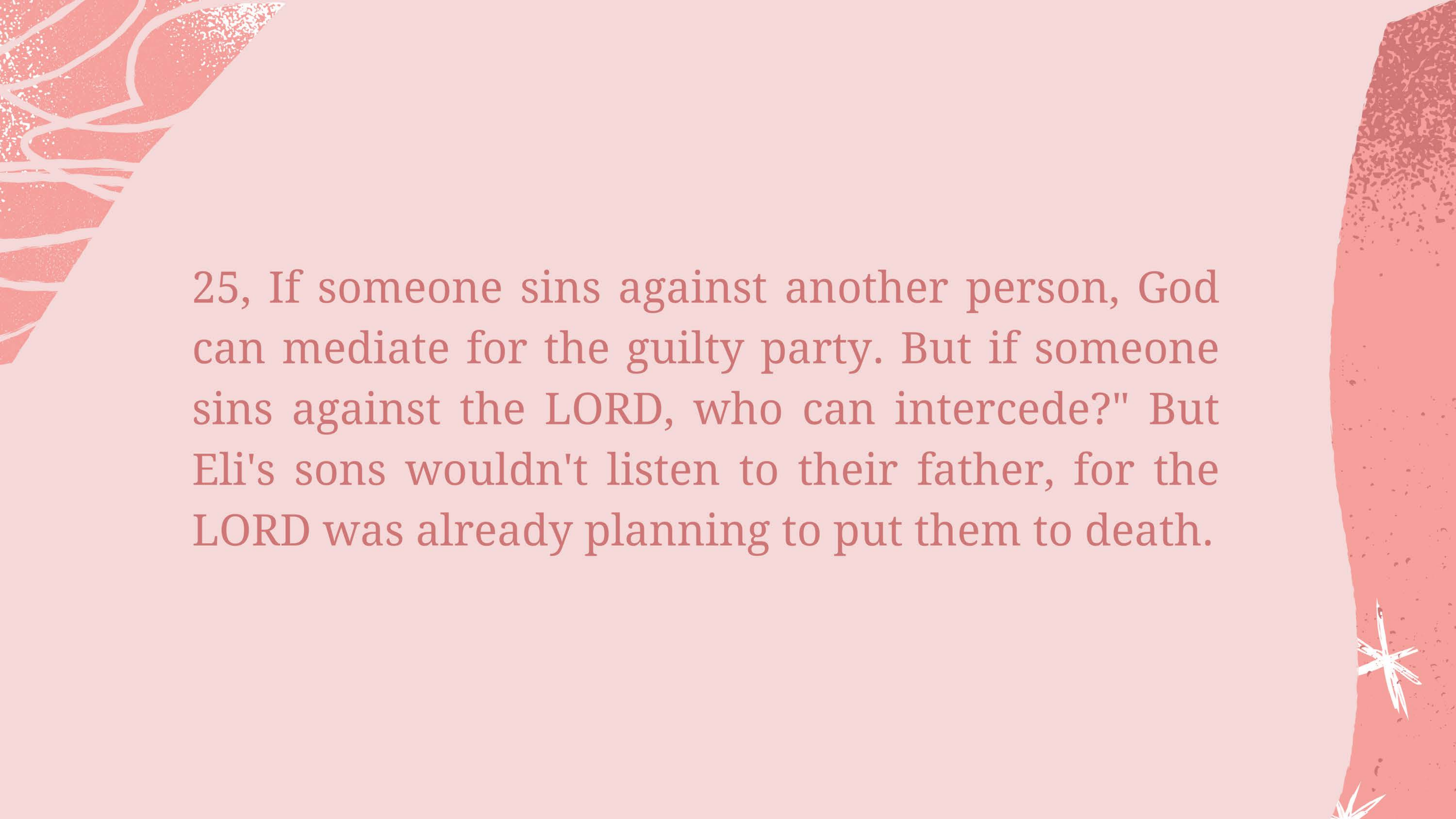
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So the sin of these young men was very serious in the LORD's sight, for they treated the LORD's offerings with contempt. 22, Now Eli was very old, but he was aware of what his sons were doing to the people of Israel. He knew, for instance, that his sons were seducing the young women who assisted at the entrance of the Tabernacle.

23, Eli said to them, "I have been hearing reports from all the people about the wicked things you are doing. Why do you keep sinning? 24, You must stop, my sons! The reports I hear among the LORD's people are not good.





25, If someone sins against another person, God can mediate for the guilty party. But if someone sins against the LORD, who can intercede?" But Eli's sons wouldn't listen to their father, for the LORD was already planning to put them to death.

1 SAMUEL 2:29-30

Why then do you scorn my sacrifices and my offerings that I commanded, and honor your sons above me by fattening yourselves on the choicest parts of every offering of my people Israel?' Therefore, the LORD the God of Israel declares: I promised that your house and the house of your father should go in and out before Me forever,' but now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from Me, for those who honor Me, I will honor, and those who despise Me, shall be lightly esteemed.

1 SAMUEL 3:13

For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile, and he did not restrain them.

THREE LESSONS
REGARDING
ELI AND HIS SONS:



1. Don't Ignore Disobedience.
2. Discipline is Necessary.
3. Don't Neglect Your Family While Doing Ministry.




THREE EXAMPLES OF RESTRAINT:



**1. LEARN TO TELL YOUR
CHILDREN NO.**

**2. LEARN TO DISCIPLINE THEM
WHEN THEY DO WRONG.**

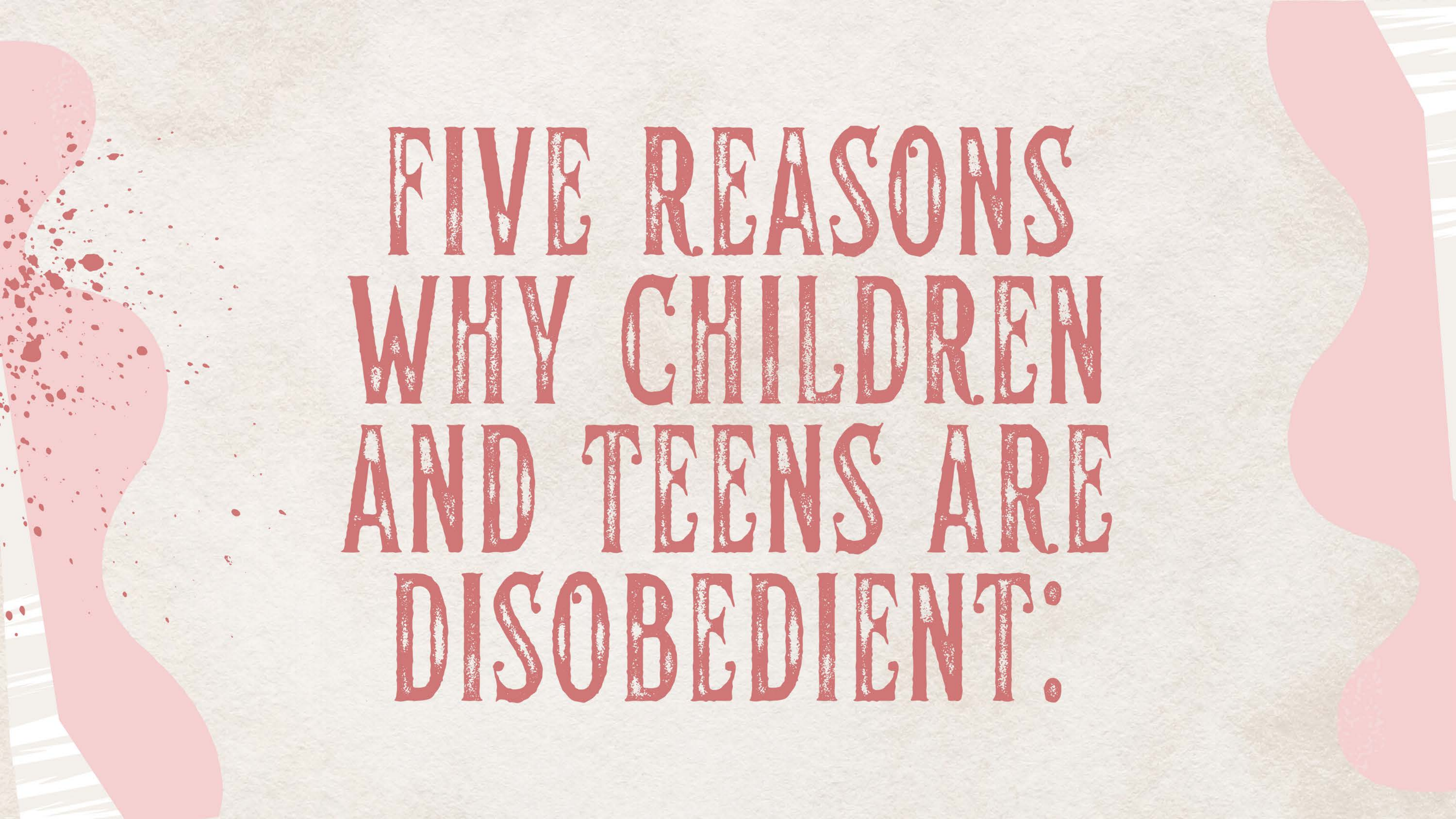


“There is no way to be the perfect parent, but a million ways to be a good one.”

**3. BE “THE BAD GUY”
WHEN NECESSARY.**



“Good, godly, and obedient children
don’t raise themselves. Good, godly,
and obedient parents do.”



FIVE REASONS WHY CHILDREN AND TEENS ARE DISOBEDIENT:

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1. Tensions
 2. An Unbiblical Model
 3. An Unknown Reason
 4. A Strong Will
 5. Imbalance in Nurture and Admonition



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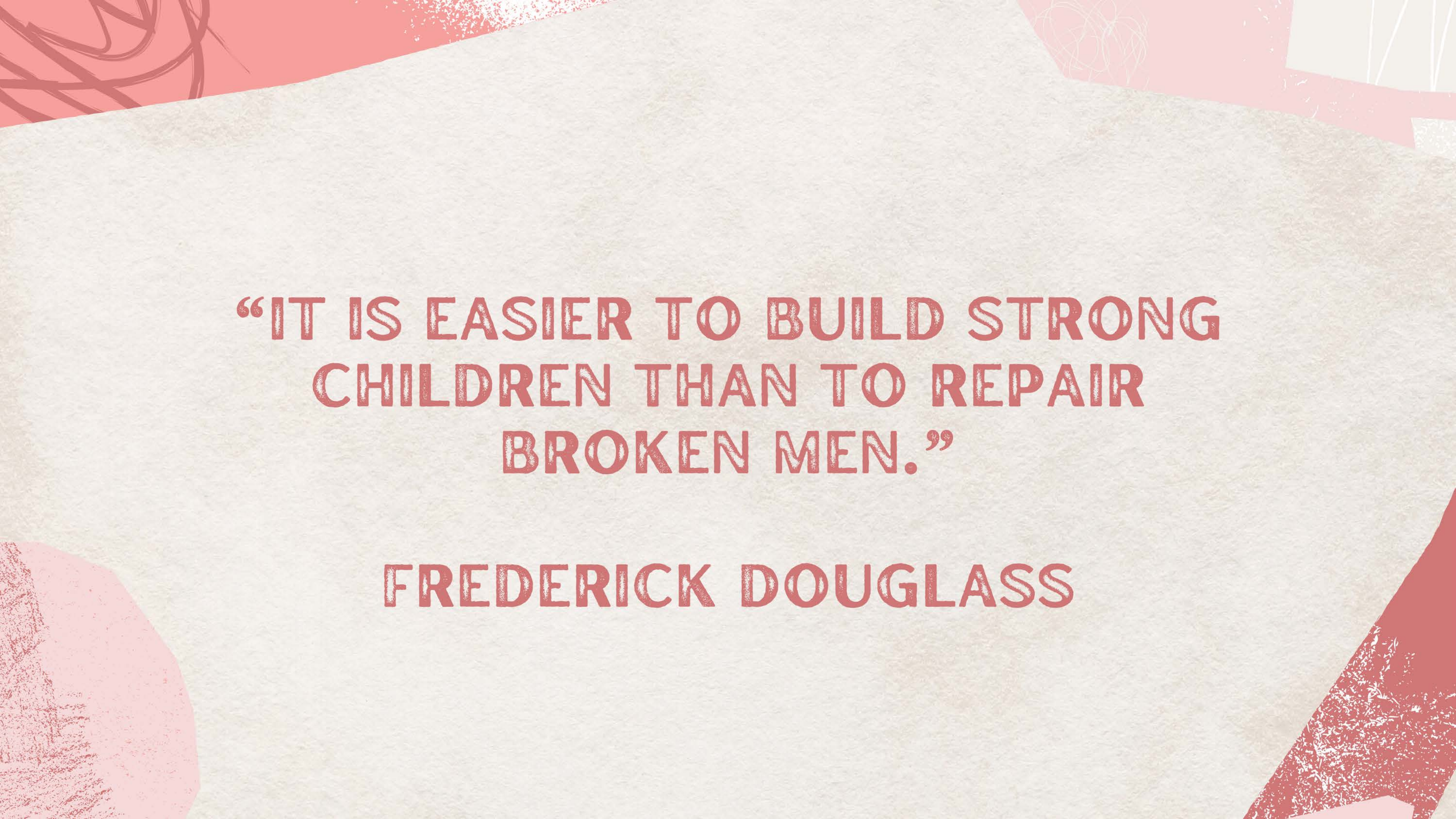


COLOSSIANS 3:20

Children, obey your parents
in everything, for this
pleases the Lord.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord [that is, accept their guidance and discipline as His representatives], for this is right [for obedience teaches wisdom and self-discipline].

EPHESIANS 6:1



**“IT IS EASIER TO BUILD STRONG
CHILDREN THAN TO REPAIR
BROKEN MEN.”**

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

FOLLOW UP CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. Explain Eli's problem with his sons.
2. Training is more than telling. How so?
3. What is your definition of restraint?
4. Explain the three lessons from Eli's sons.
5. List three examples of restraint. Explain.
6. Give a scripture reference for discipline.
7. List reasons why children are disobedient.
8. What's a child to do?
9. How can you apply this lesson?