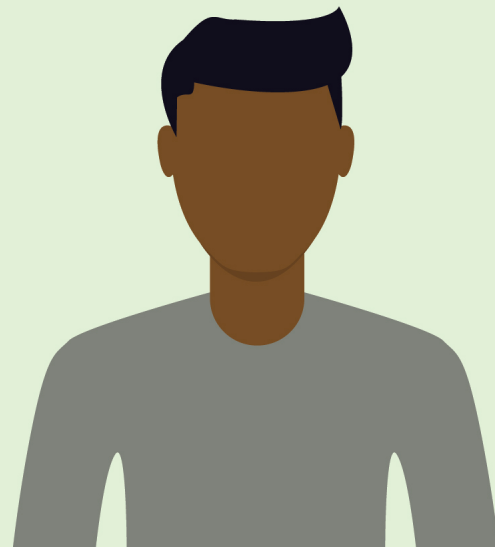
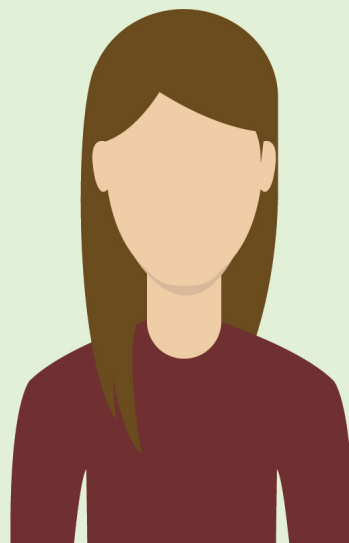
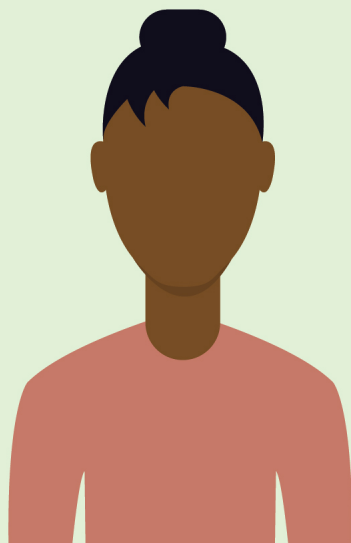
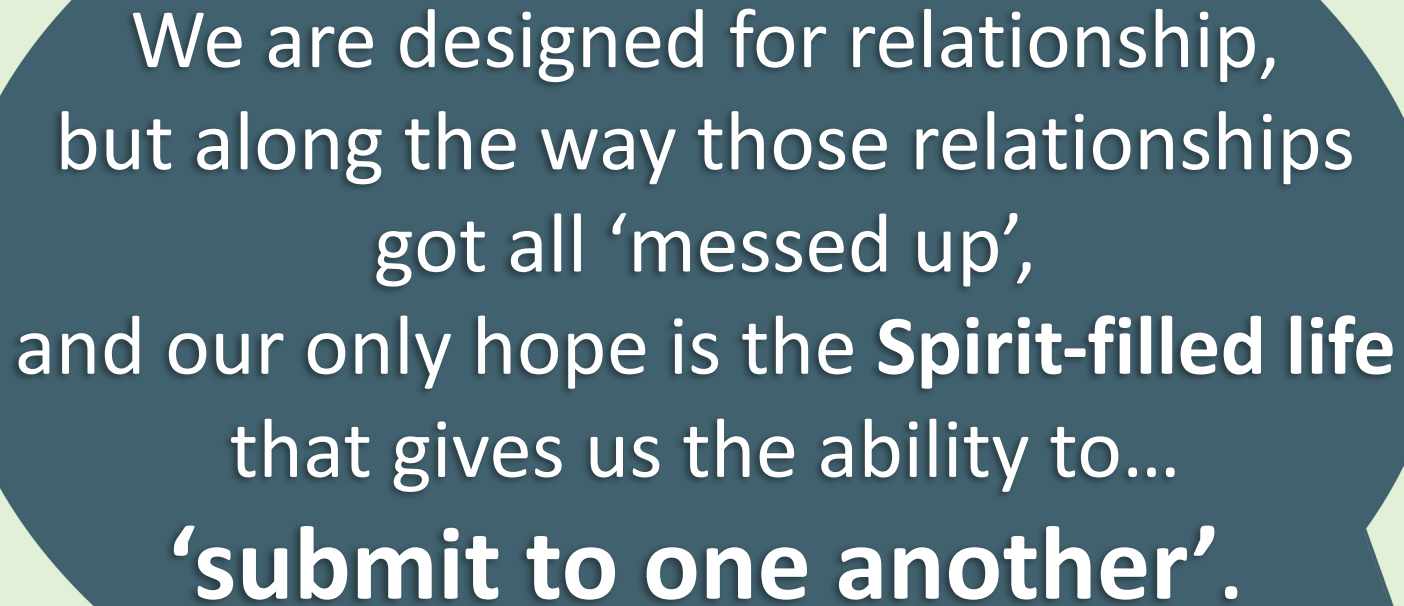


#The Struggle is Real
#RELATIONSHIPS





We are designed for relationship,
but along the way those relationships
got all 'messed up',
and our only hope is the **Spirit-filled life**
that gives us the ability to...
'submit to one another'.



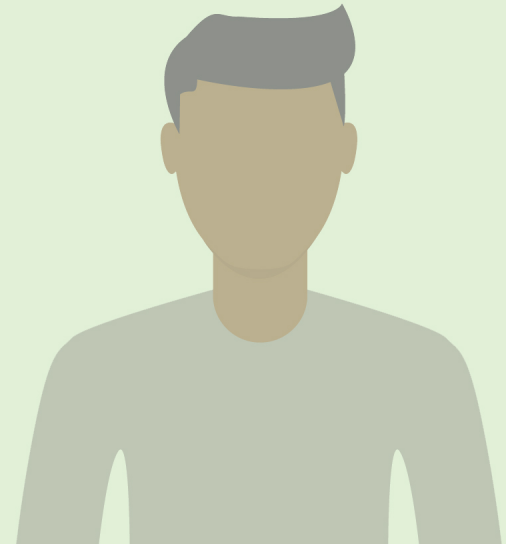
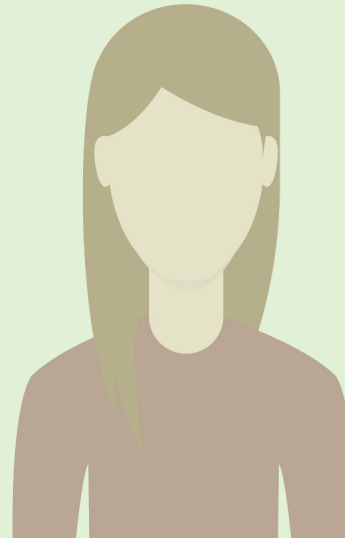
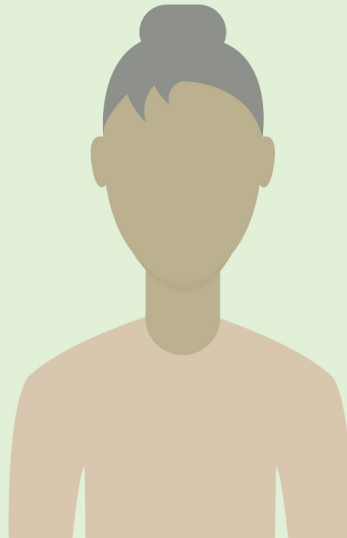
Conflict
Resolution



Communication

Ephesians 5:1-2, 15-20

- 1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
- 2 And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



- 15 Look carefully then how you walk,**
not as unwise but as wise,
- 16** making the best use of the time,
because the days are evil.
- 17** Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the will of the Lord is.
- 18** And do not get drunk with wine,
for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
- 19** addressing one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the
Lord with your hearts,
- 20** giving thanks always for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Look carefully then how you walk,

not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the best use of the time,

because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine,

for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,**

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the
Lord with your hearts,

20 giving thanks always for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Look carefully then how you walk,

not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the best use of the time,

because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine,

for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,**

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and

spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the

Lord with your hearts,

20 giving thanks always for everything to God the Father

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Look carefully then how you walk,

not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the best use of the time,

because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine,

for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,**

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and

spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the

Lord with your hearts,

20 giving thanks always for everything to God the Father

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

15 Look carefully then how you walk,

not as unwise but as wise,

16 making the best use of the time,

because the days are evil.

17 Therefore do not be foolish,

but understand what the will of the Lord is.

18 And do not get drunk with wine,

for that is debauchery, **but be filled with the Spirit,**

19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and

spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the

Lord with your hearts,

20 giving thanks always for everything to God the Father

in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,



21 submitting to one another
out of reverence for Christ.

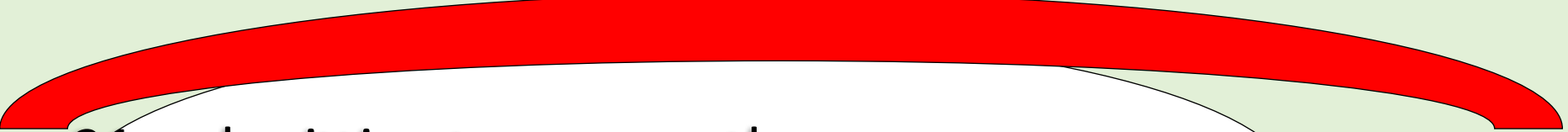
.....

21 submitting to one another
out of reverence for Christ.

.....

...to yield...

...to offer...



21 submitting to one another
out of reverence for Christ.

.....

...to stop resisting...

...to stop hiding...

21 submitting to one another
out of reverence for Christ.

.....

MARRIAGE

Husbands and wives

21 submitting to one another
out of reverence for Christ.

.....

FAMILY

Parents and children

Beyond marriage,
parenting can be the most
challenging responsibility
any man or woman will
ever face....
and there is never a lack
of advice!

Beta test curriculum...

Grace Based Parenting

by Dr. Tim Kimmel

4 Mondays evenings in August

"We wanted to raise our kids
the way God raises His...
and that's with grace."

"We allowed grace to hold the high
ground in our home...
and to be the standard for all the tough
decisions that come with parenting...
and it works."

"We allowed grace to hold the high ground in our home... and to be the standard for all the tough decisions that come with parenting... and it works."

What does that mean?

What does that mean?

What does that look like?

What does that mean?

What does that look like?

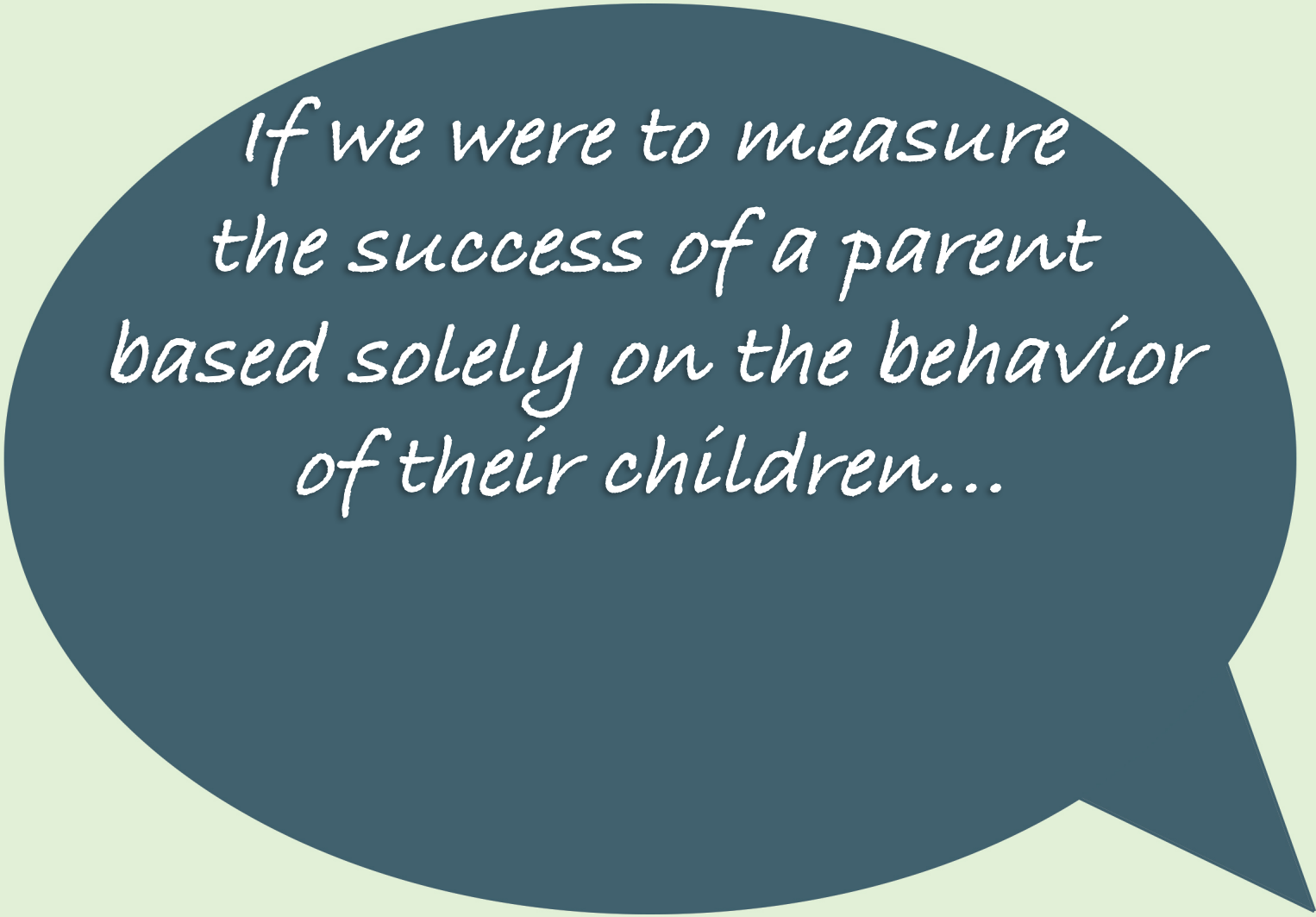
How does that "work"?

What does that mean?

What does that look like?

How does that "work"?

Somehow the way God deals with us
is the model for how we should deal
with all of our relationships.



*If we were to measure
the success of a parent
based solely on the behavior
of their children...*

*If we were to measure
the success of a parent
based solely on the behavior
of their children...*

*then what sort of a grade
would God get
as a Father?*

If we were to measure
the success of a parent
based solely on the behavior
of their children...

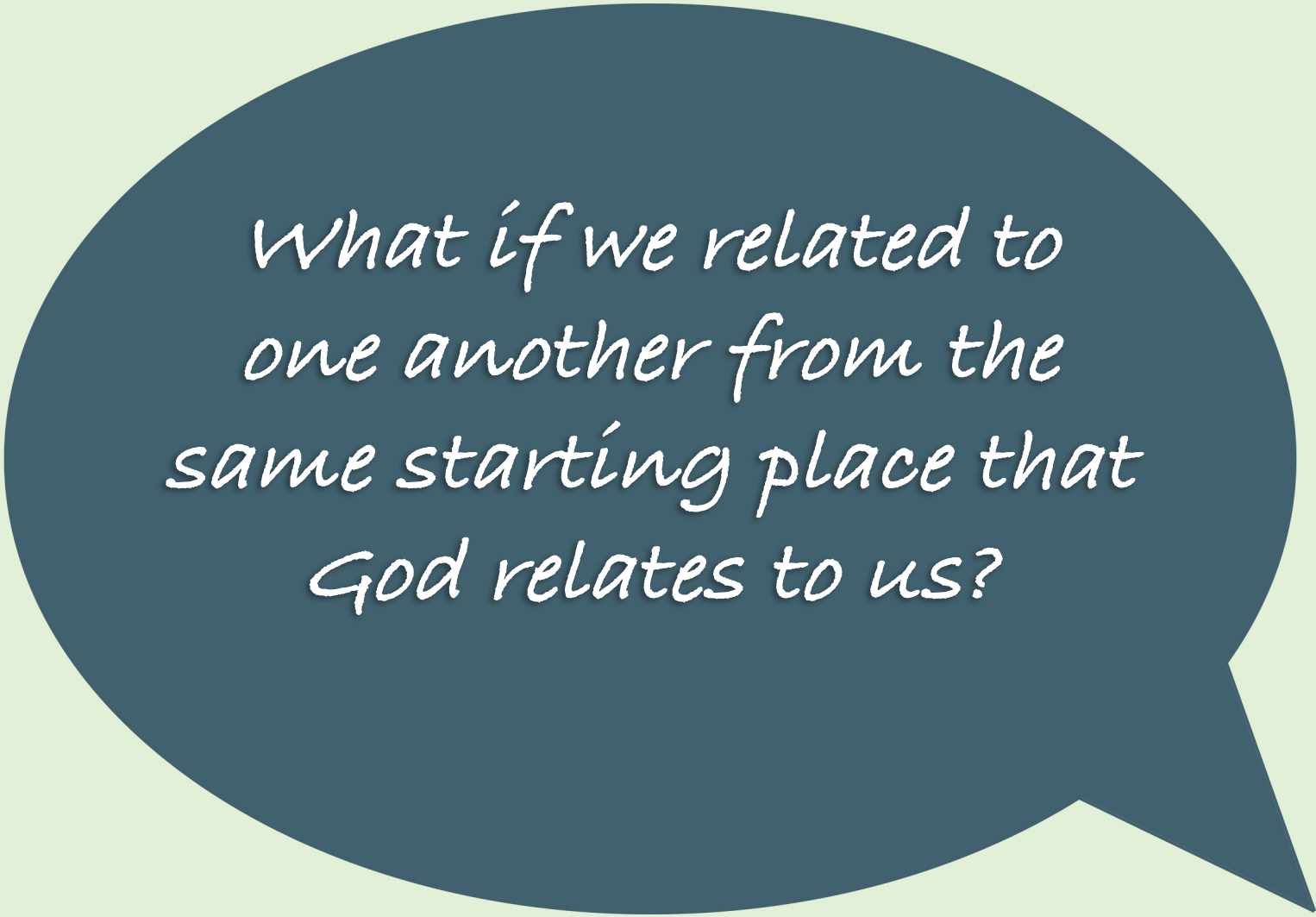
then what sort of a grade
would God get
as a Father?



If we were to measure
the success of a parent
based solely on the behavior
of their children...

then what sort of a grade
would God get
as a Father?

Maybe the measure
of success for a parent is
not based solely on the
behavior of their children
but on something much
more profound!



*What if we related to
one another from the
same starting place that
God relates to us?*



So.....

how does God relate to us?

Ephesians 2:1-10

- 1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins
- 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—
- 3 Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:1-10

- 4 But God, being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ— by grace you
have been saved—
6 and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the coming ages He might show the
immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness
toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-10

- 4 **But God,** being rich in mercy,
because of the great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our trespasses,
made us alive together with Christ— by grace you
have been saved—
6 and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him
in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
7 so that in the coming ages He might show the
immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness
toward us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:1-10

- 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing,
it is the gift of God,
- 9 not a result of works,
so that no one may boast.
- 10 For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand,
that we should walk in them.

Romans 3:20-26

20 For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

**God and
His
Holiness**

**God and
His
Holiness**

**God and
His
Holiness**

The Law



But

Romans 3:20-26

But

Romans 3:20-26

- 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
- 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
- 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

**God and
His
Holiness**

The Law

**Mankind
has
fallen
short**

But

Romans 3:20-26

- 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—
- 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:
- 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

**God and
His
Holiness**

The Law

**Justified,
made right,
by God's
grace.**

**Mankind
has
fallen
short**

But

Romans 3:20-26

26 It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

But

Romans 3:20-26

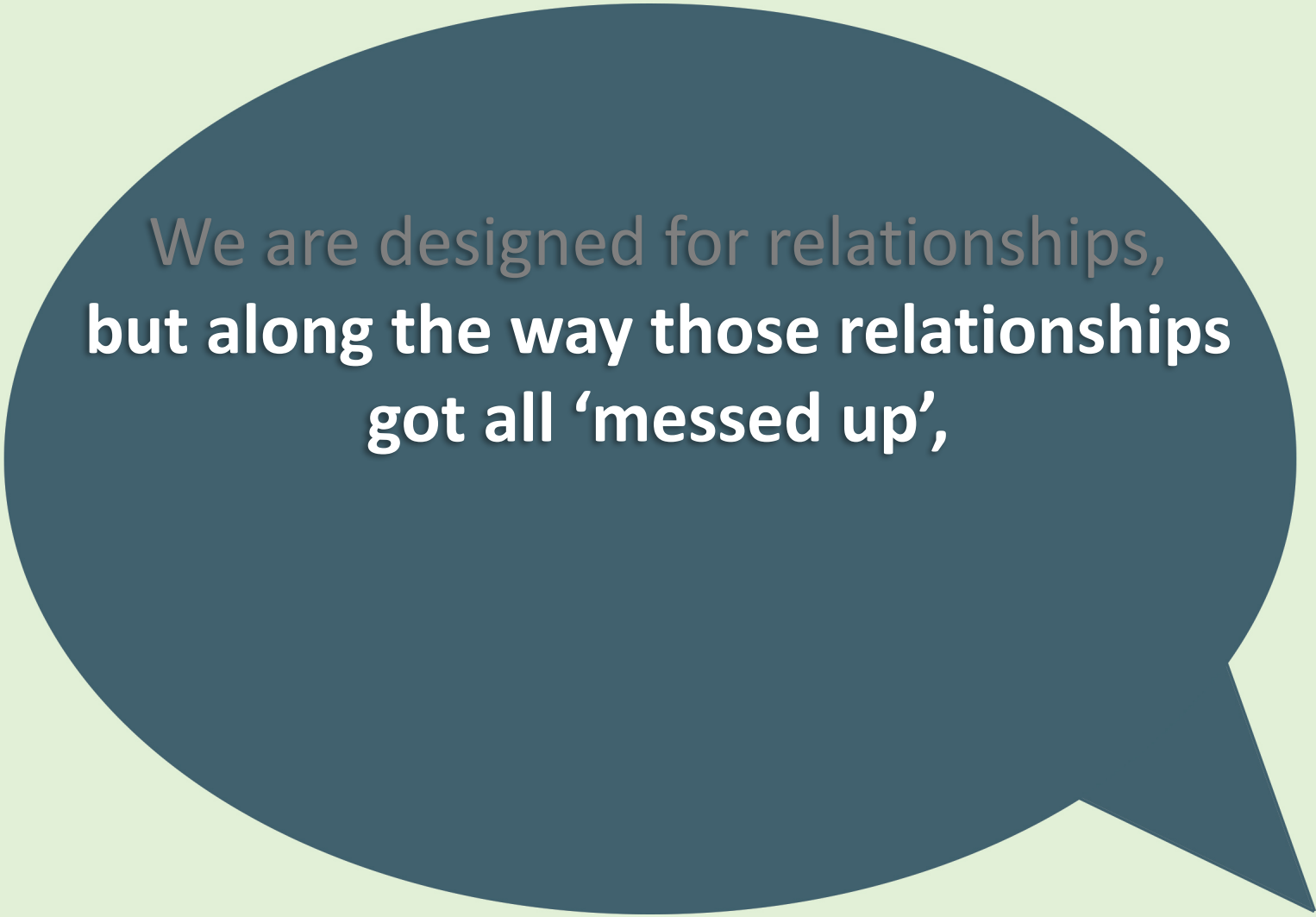
26 It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Christ, is the only true measure of holiness,
and He offers us His holiness to replace our sin.**

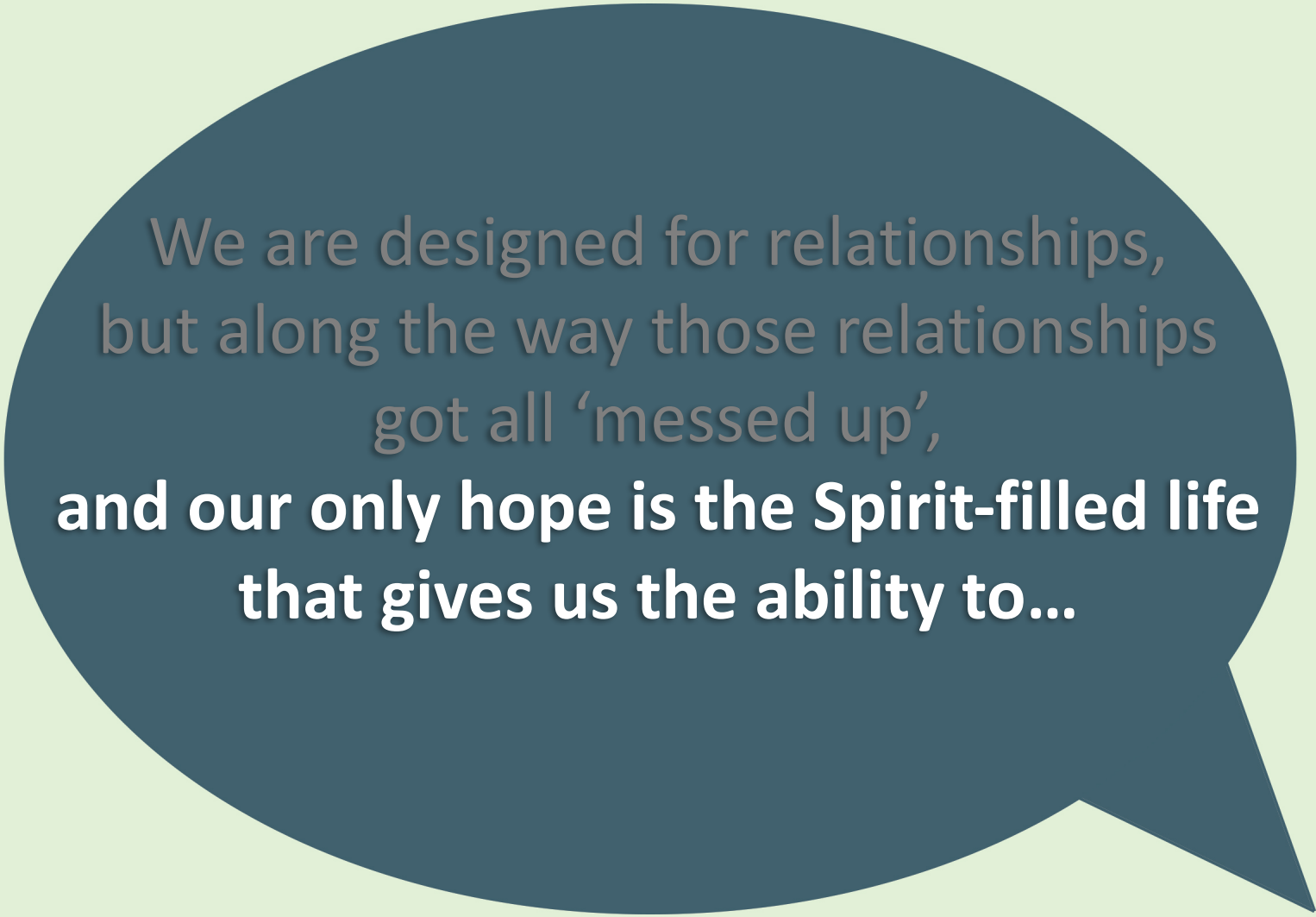
**He offers us the free gift of grace in order
to capture and transform our hearts
that allows us to respond with a love for Him that
eventually translates into a love for others.**



We are designed for relationships,



We are designed for relationships,
**but along the way those relationships
got all 'messed up',**

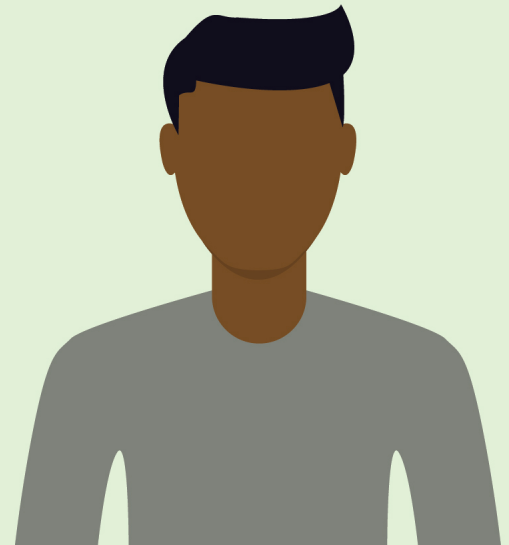
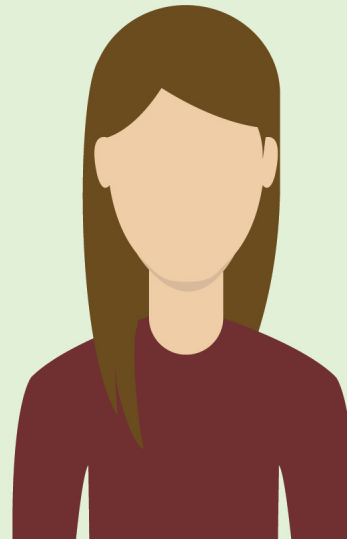
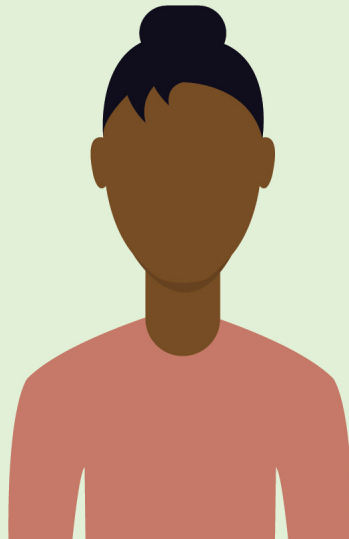


We are designed for relationships,
but along the way those relationships
got all 'messed up',
**and our only hope is the Spirit-filled life
that gives us the ability to...**

We are designed for relationships,
but along the way those relationships
got all 'messed up',
and our only hope is the **Spirit-filled life**
that gives us the ability to...

'submit to one another'.

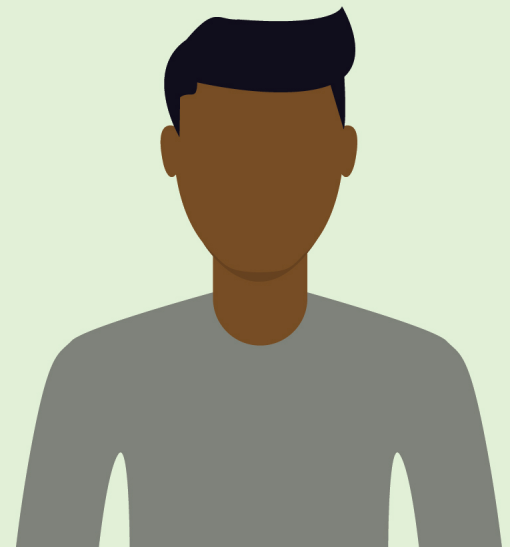
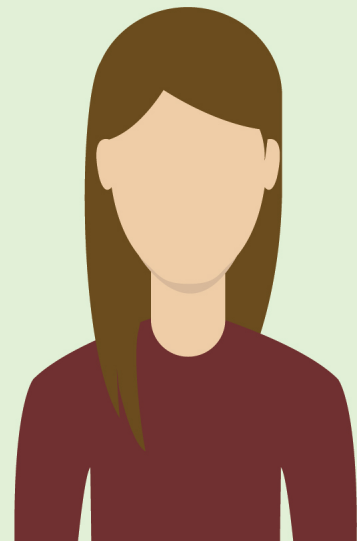
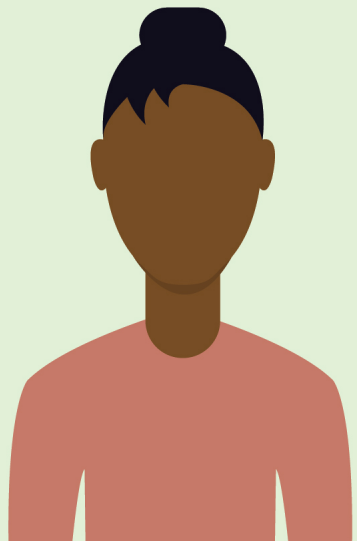
So...therefore...what now?

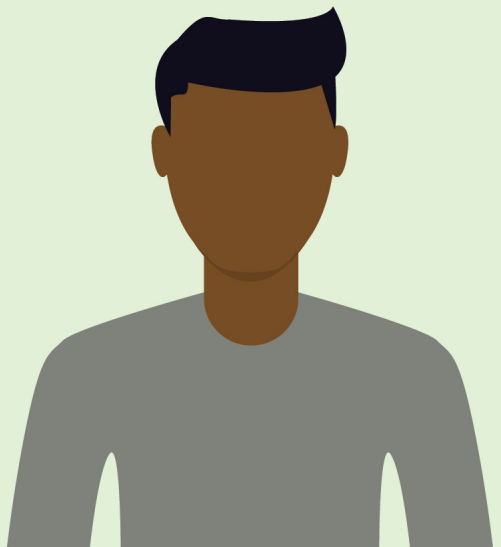
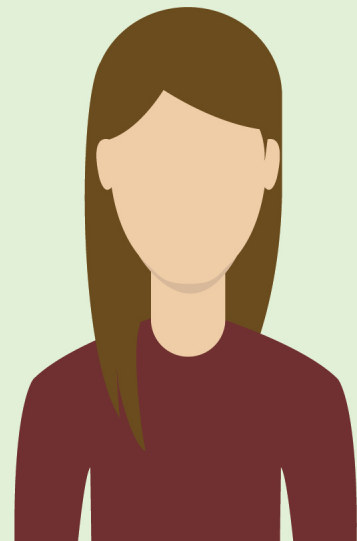
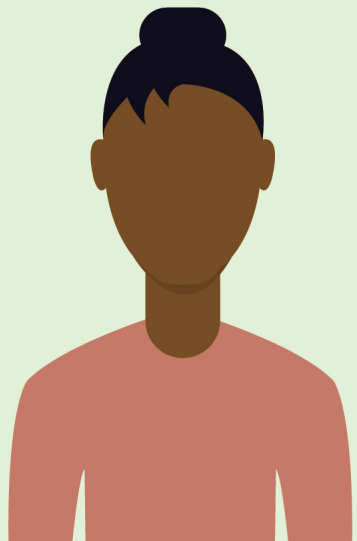


Maybe the measure
of success for a parent is
not based on the behavior
of their children but on their
commitment to model the grace
of God that can transform the
human heart!

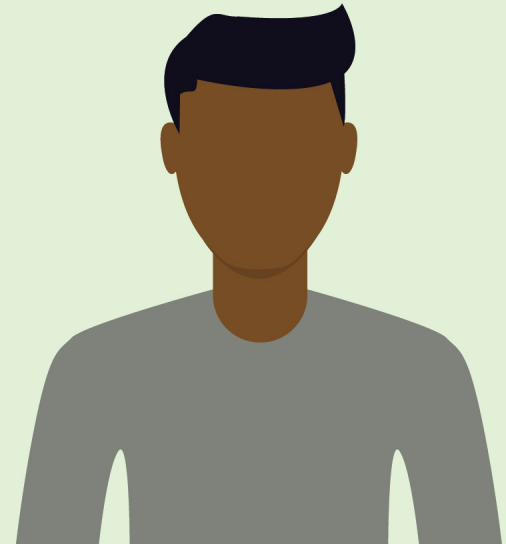
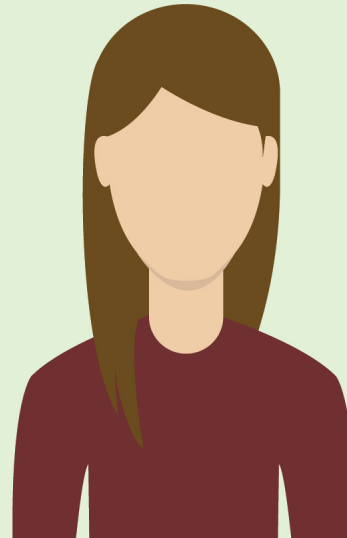
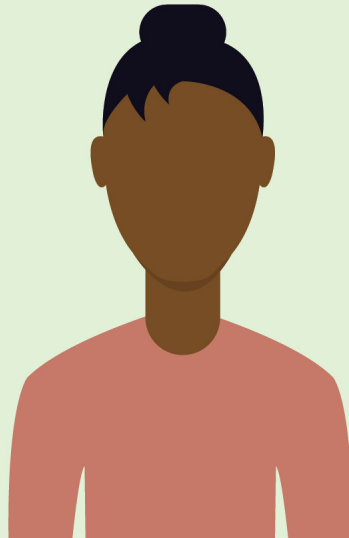
Maybe the measure
of success for a parent is
not based on the behavior
of their children but on their
commitment to model the *grace*
of God that *can transform the*
human heart!

#The Struggle is Real
#RELATIONSHIPS

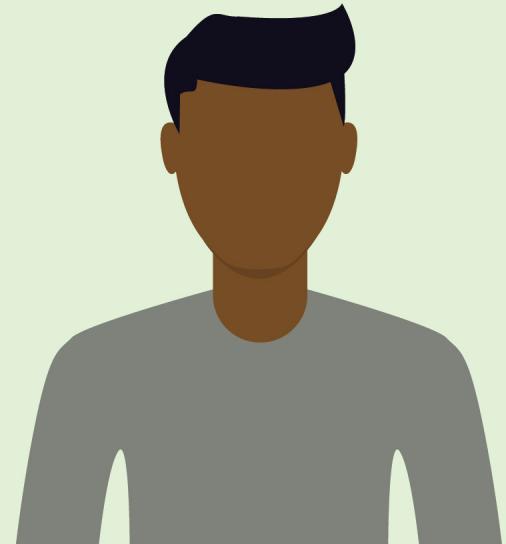
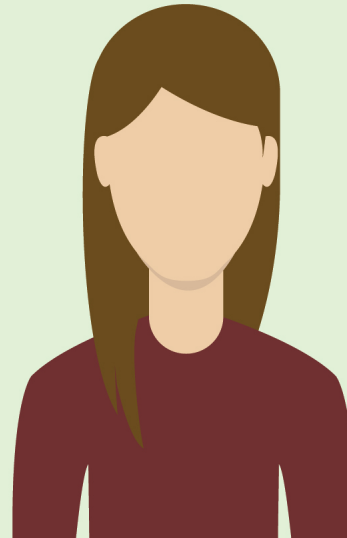
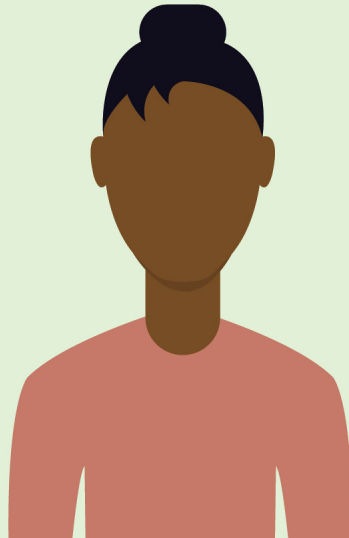





*This seems
terribly risky!
Wouldn't working
toward external
conformity be a
better idea?*



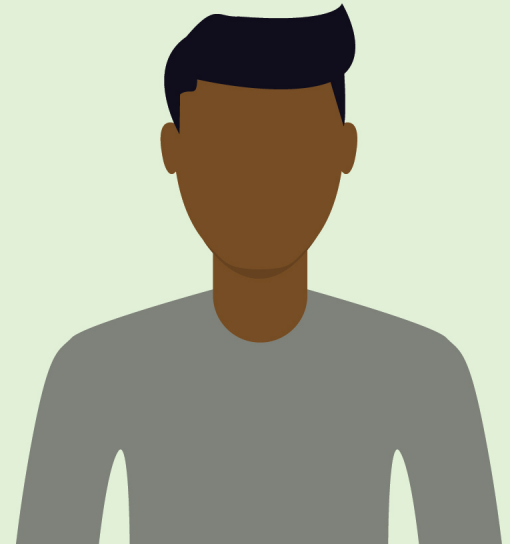
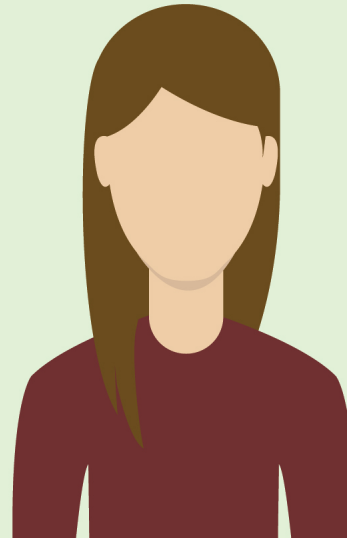
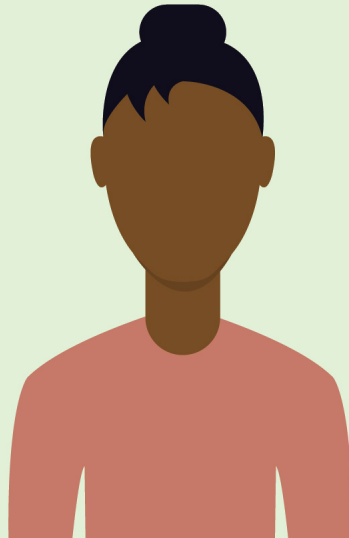
*It seems risky to offer
grace in the form of love
to my wife without her
earning it by meeting
my needs!*




An illustration featuring four stylized human figures in a row at the bottom. From left to right: a man with brown hair and glasses wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt; a woman with dark skin and hair in a bun wearing a pink long-sleeved shirt; a woman with light skin and long brown hair wearing a maroon long-sleeved shirt; and a man with dark skin and short dark hair wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt. Above them are several overlapping speech bubbles in shades of blue, brown, and grey. The most prominent speech bubble, on the right, is light brown and contains the text: "It seems risky to offer grace to my kids in the form of understanding rather than their behavior!".

It seems risky to offer
grace to my kids in
the form of
understanding rather
than their behavior!

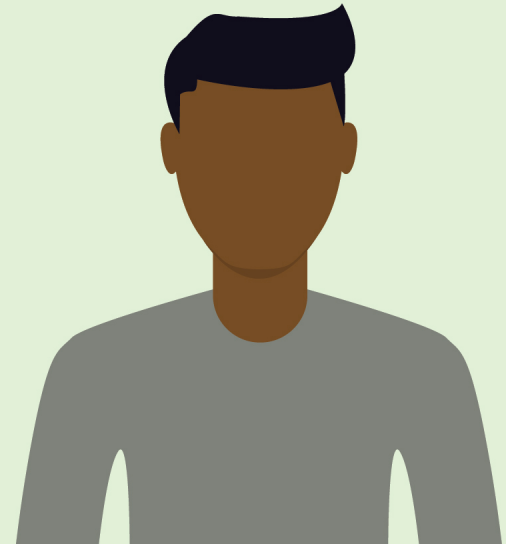
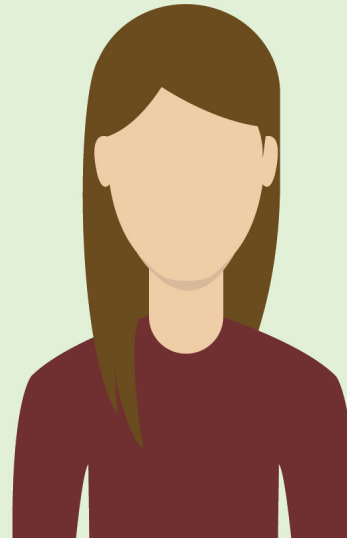
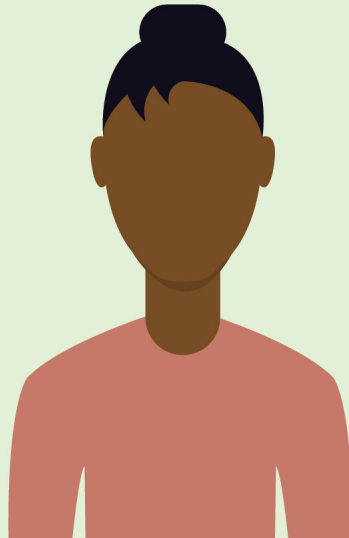
It seems risky
to offer my
husband the grace
of respect when I
don't think he
deserves it.



An illustration featuring four stylized human figures at the bottom, each with a unique appearance: a man with glasses and a blue shirt, a woman with dark hair in a bun and a pink shirt, a woman with long brown hair and a maroon shirt, and a man with dark hair and a grey shirt. Above them are several overlapping speech bubbles in shades of blue, brown, and pink. The central focus is a grey speech bubble containing the text: "It seems risky to offer grace to my parents by honoring them rather treating them with contempt."

It seems risky to offer grace to my parents by honoring them rather treating them with contempt.

God risks our response by dealing with us from His grace rather than from our behavior. He is looking for hearts that turn to love Him and as a result to love those around us.





"EXACTLY"....

"Exactly"....

*...that is why 'mutually submissive'
relationships have to be grace based and
empowered by the Holy Spirit,...
...our surrender and obedience to
Christ day by day.*