



*Welcome to
Heart-to-Heart*

**Spiritual Formation:
Partnering with the Holy Spirit
to Influence Your Children**

In discipline, ask yourself...

- What is the goal?
- What consequence is the most natural?
- How can I take away the “thing” not the relationship?
- What can I do so that the discipline stays in the moment?
- How can I make the expectation positive instead of negative?

Rules - Relationship = Rebellious Kids
Relationship - Rules = Resentful Kids
Relationship + Rules = Respectful Kids

Rules + Relationship is
the *balance* of truth and grace.




“God cares more about the length of a child’s character than He does about the length of their hair. He’s also far more concerned about the song in their heart than He is about the music coming from their stereo.”

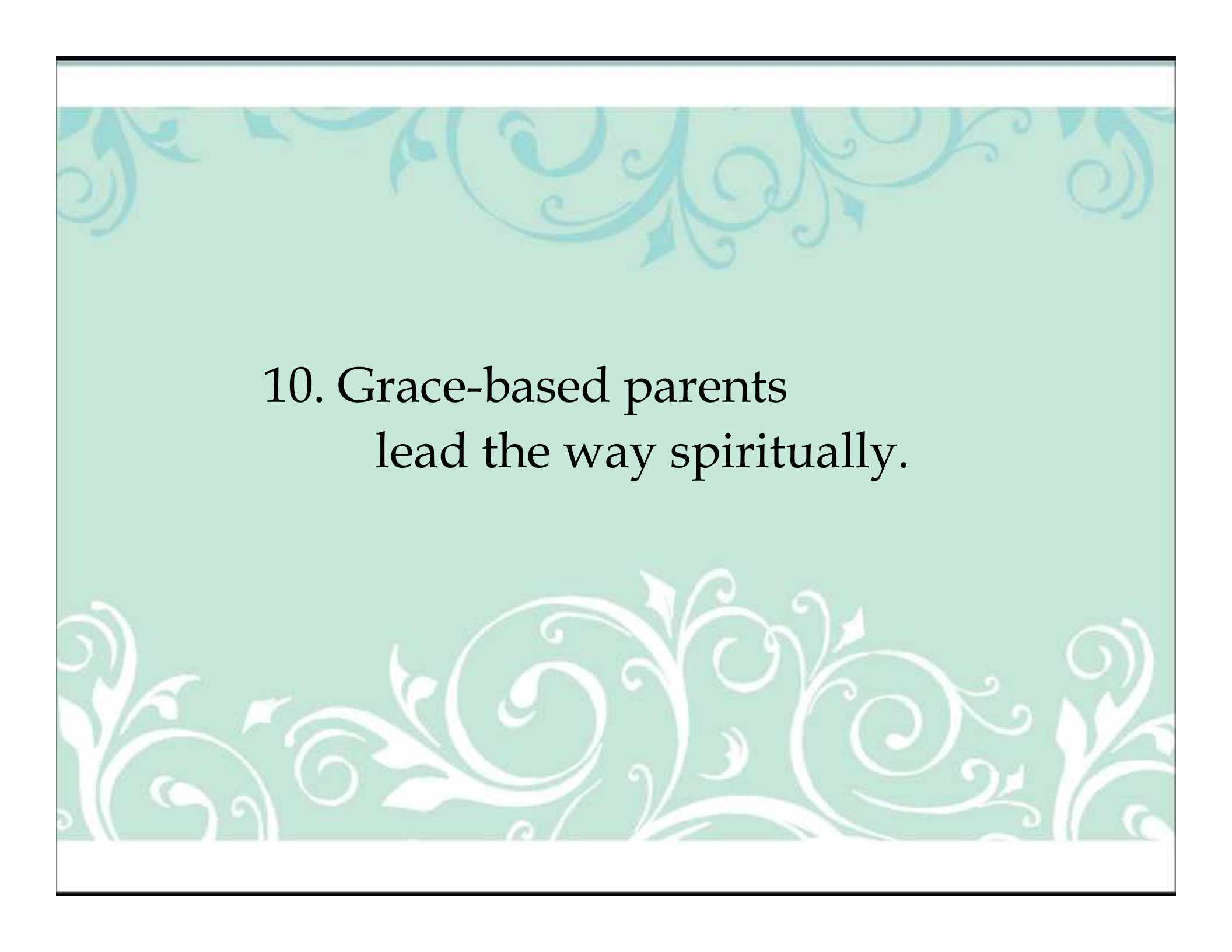
- Grace-Based Parenting

Guidelines when dad isn't in agreement:

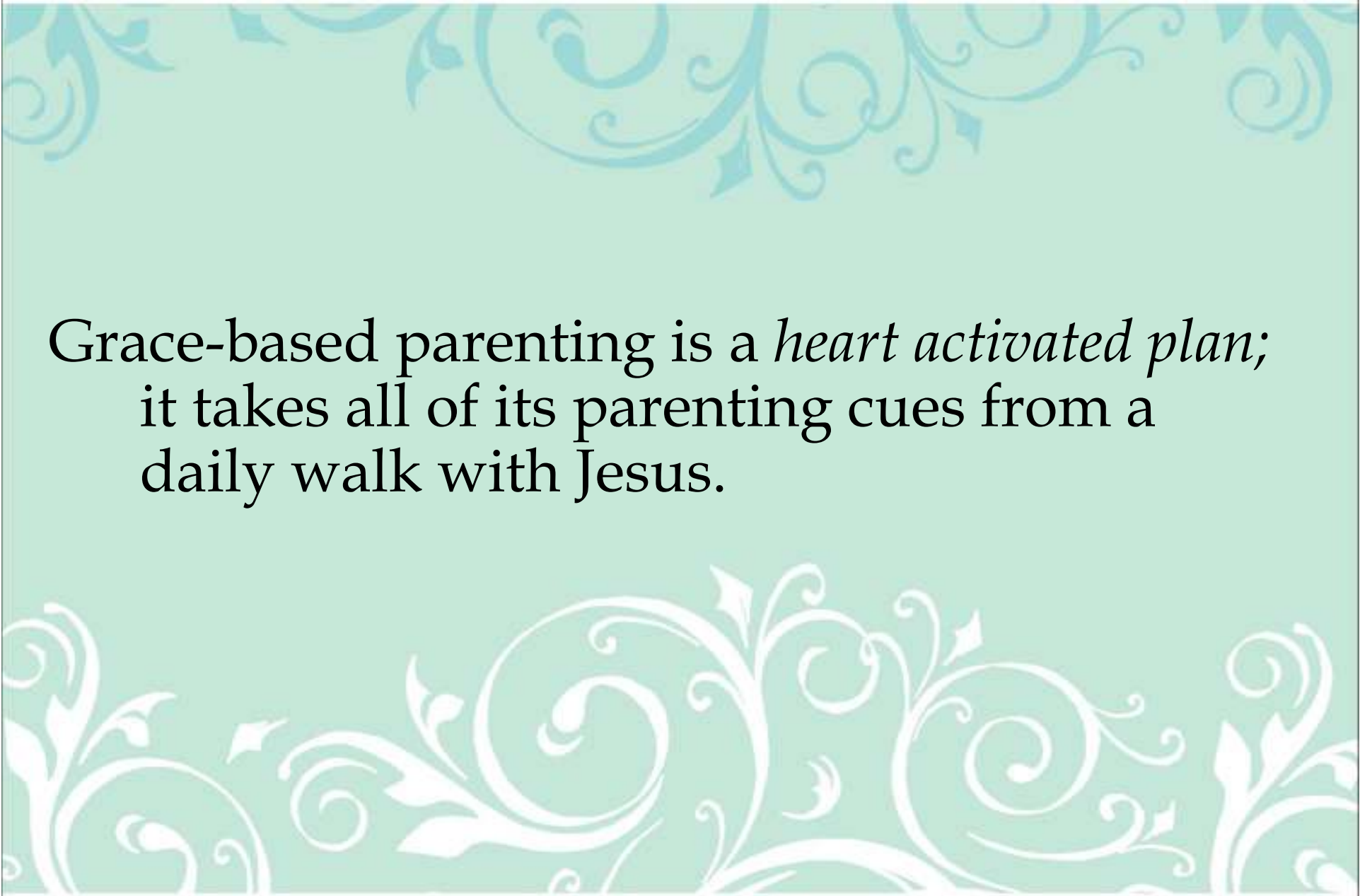
- Mom is *not* the Holy Spirit. 😊
- Timing is everything!
- Let humility make the point.



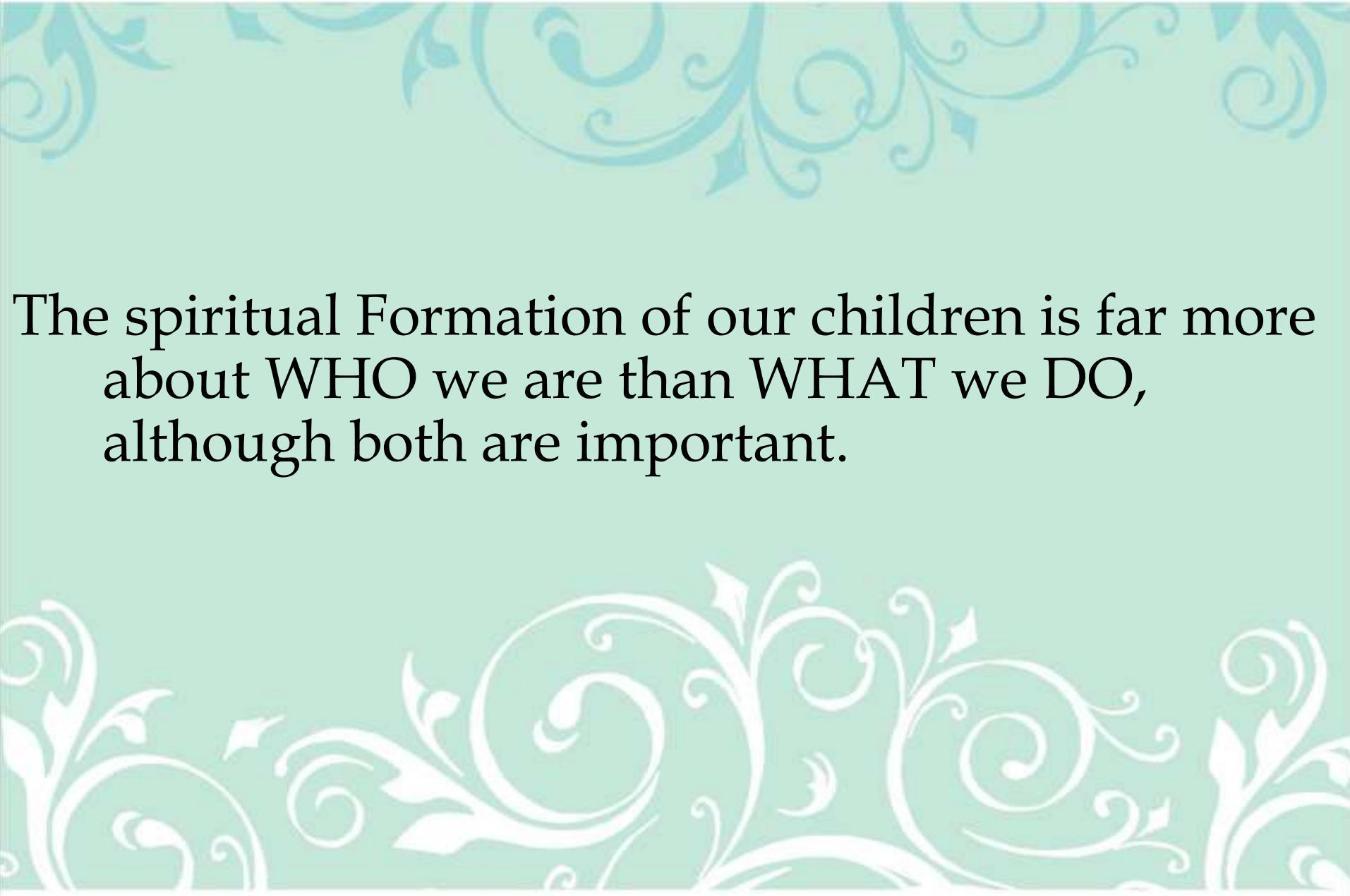
Ten Characteristics of Grace-based Parents



10. Grace-based parents
lead the way spiritually.



Grace-based parenting is a *heart activated plan*;
it takes all of its parenting cues from a
daily walk with Jesus.



The spiritual Formation of our children is far more about WHO we are than WHAT we DO, although both are important.

Deuteronomy 6:1-3

(Amplified Bible)

¹ Now this is the instruction, the laws, and the precepts which the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land to which you go to possess it, ²That you may [reverently] fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, and keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be watchful to do them, that it may be well with you and that you may increase exceedingly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.



“A land flowing with milk and honey”

Canaan, the promised land



MILK = a staple that gives us strength

HONEY = a luxury that makes things
(life) sweet

⁴Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord
[the only Lord].

Jewish Shema

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 13-21 and Numbers 15:27-41

Shema literally means “to listen.”

Deuteronomy 6:5-9

(Amplified Bible)

⁵And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might. ⁶And these words which I am commanding you this day shall be [first] in our [own] minds and hearts; [then] ⁷You shall whet and sharpen them so as to make them penetrate, and teach and impress them diligently upon the [minds and] hearts of your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down and when you rise up. ⁸And you shall bind them as a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets (forehead bands) between your eyes. ⁹And you shall write them upon the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Genesis 1

“God said ...”

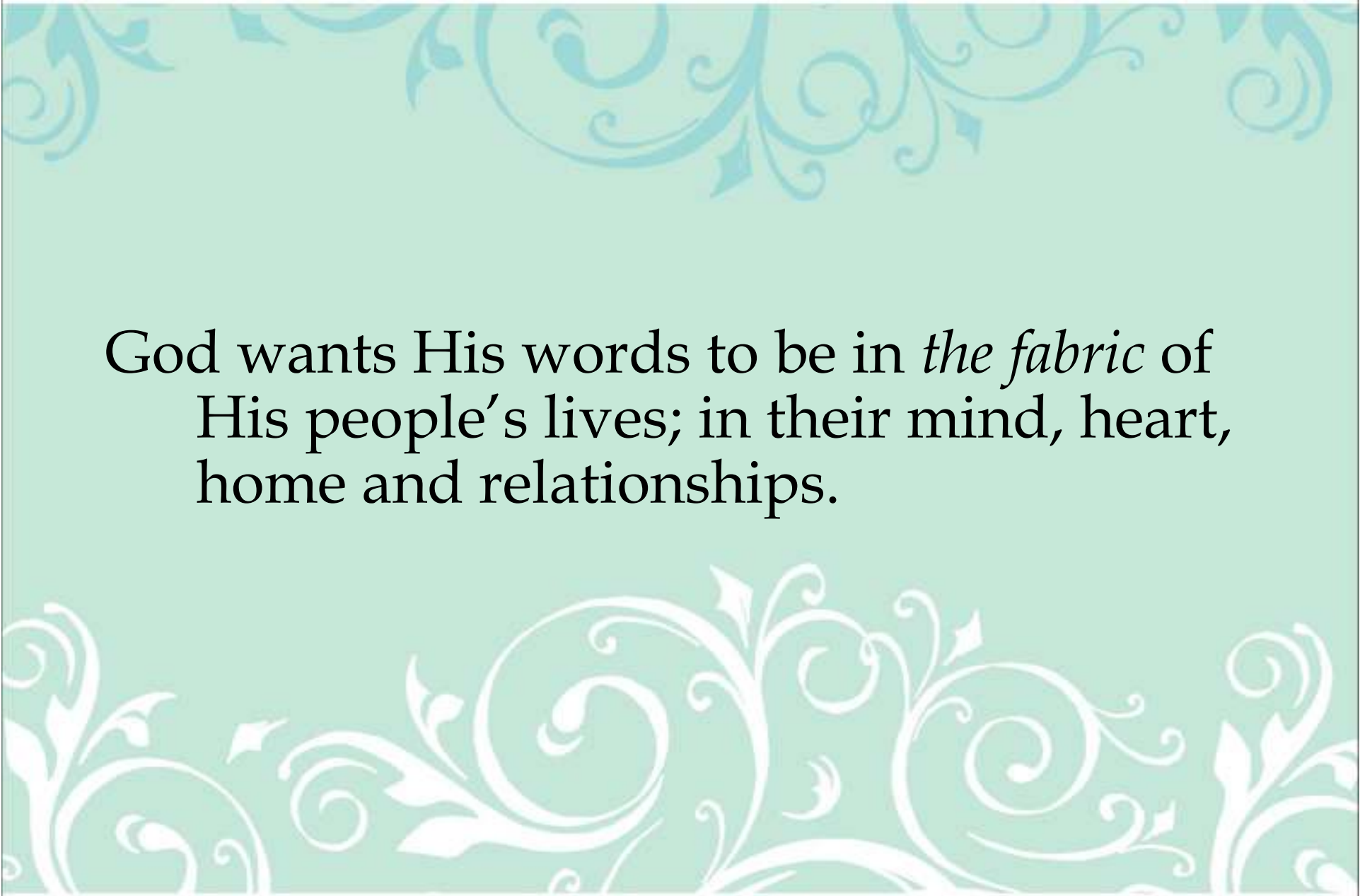
“God blessed them”

John 1:1,14

“In the beginning was **the Word**, and **the Word** was with God, and **the Word** was God. **The Word** became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Psalm 107:20a

“He sent forth **His word** and healed them ...”

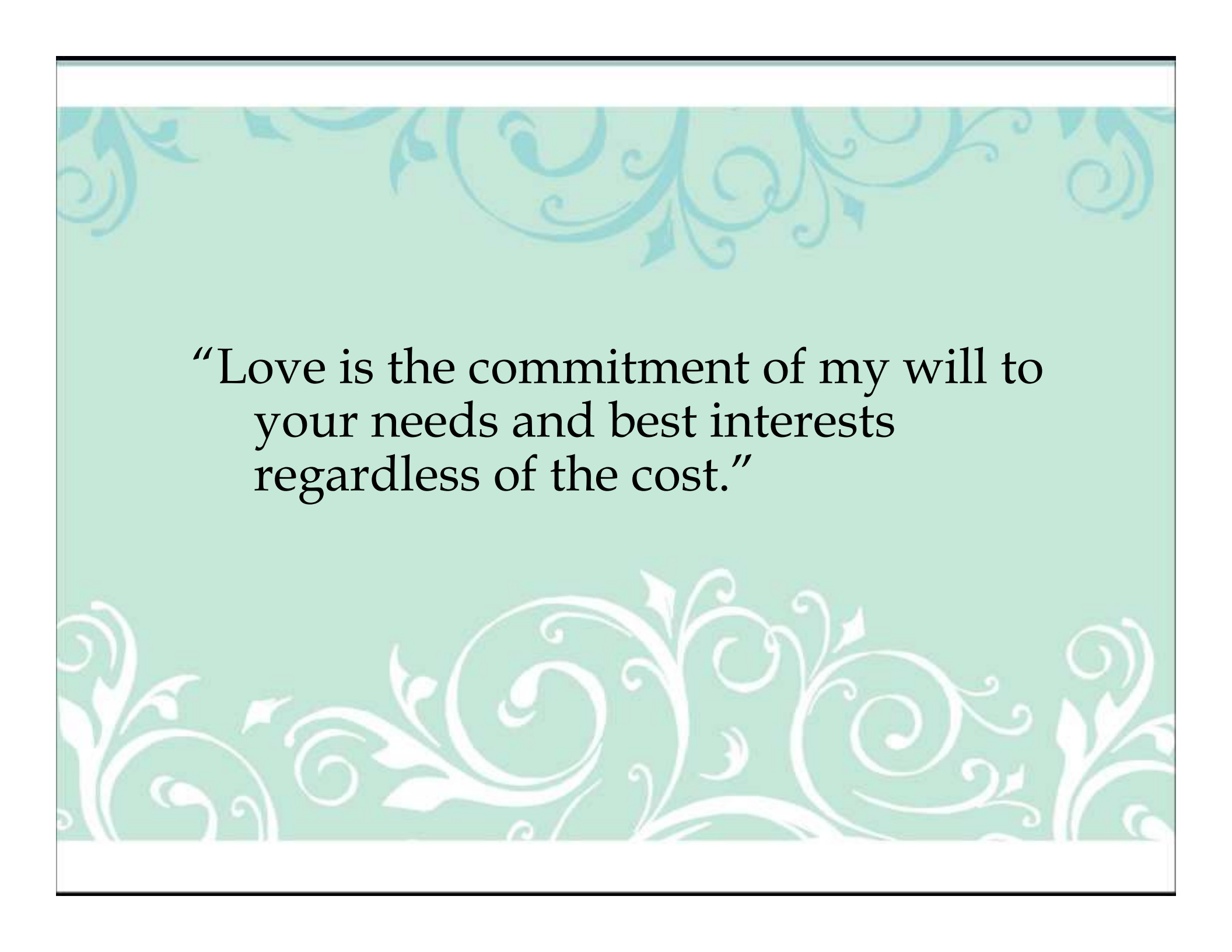


God wants His words to be in *the fabric* of His people's lives; in their mind, heart, home and relationships.

- 1. Grace-based parents honestly affirm their children.**

Proverbs 18:21

“The tongue has the power of life and death.”



“Love is the commitment of my will to
your needs and best interests
regardless of the cost.”



2. Grace-based parents give their children and his/her friends, their attention.



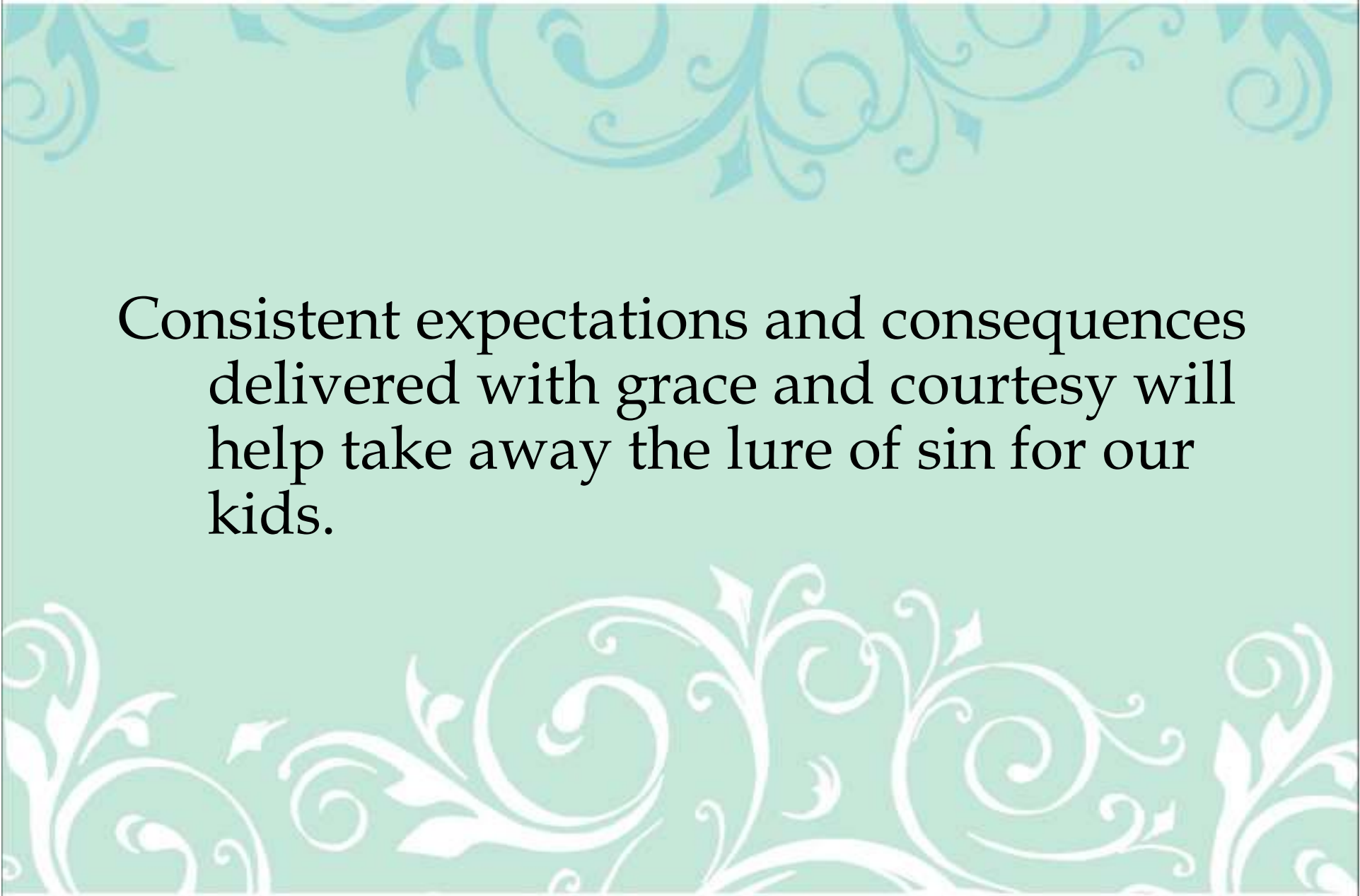
Prov. 22:6

Train up child according to *their natural bent...*

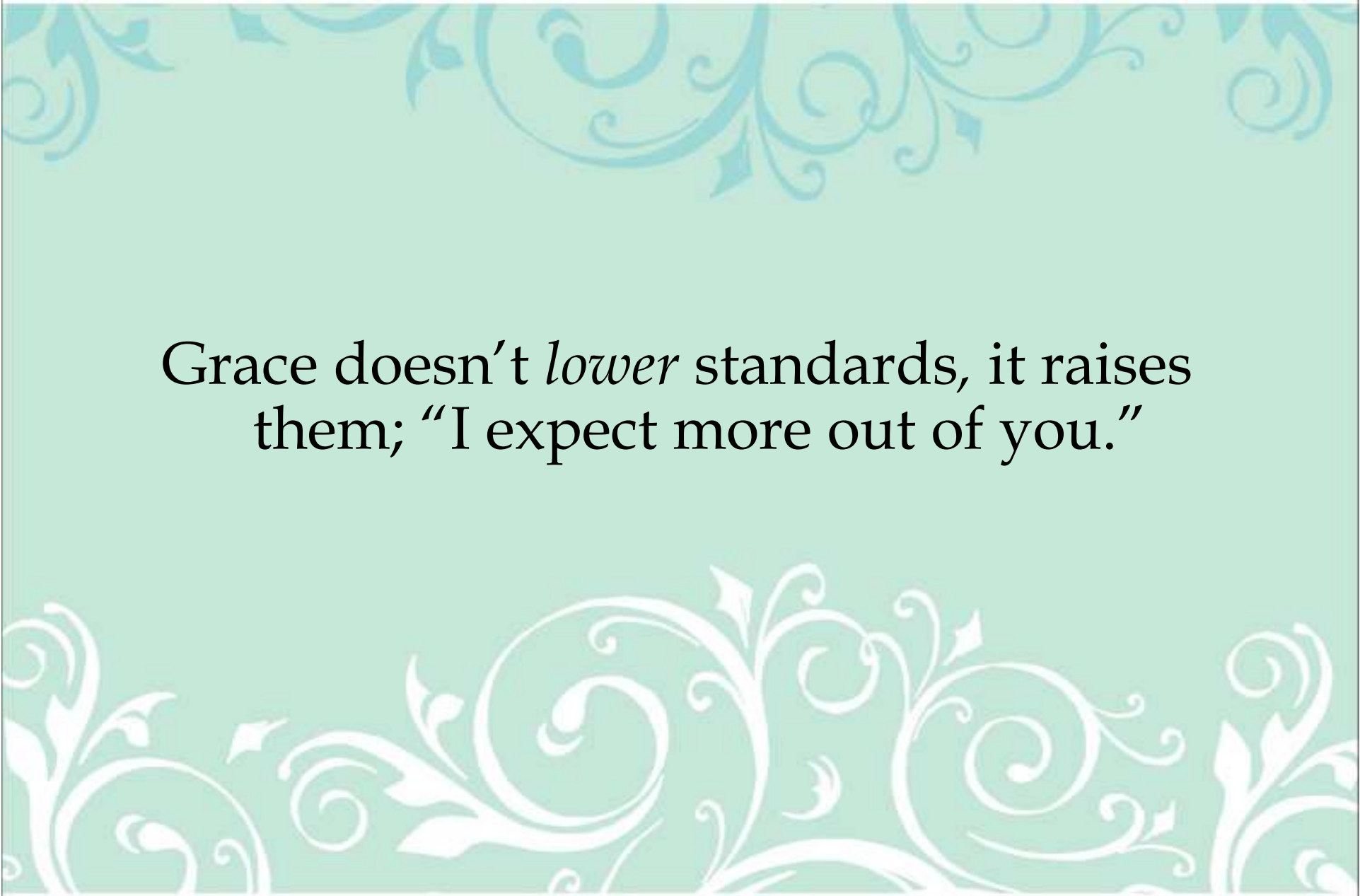
3. Grace-based parents admonish their children with grace and courtesy.

Hebrews 13:9

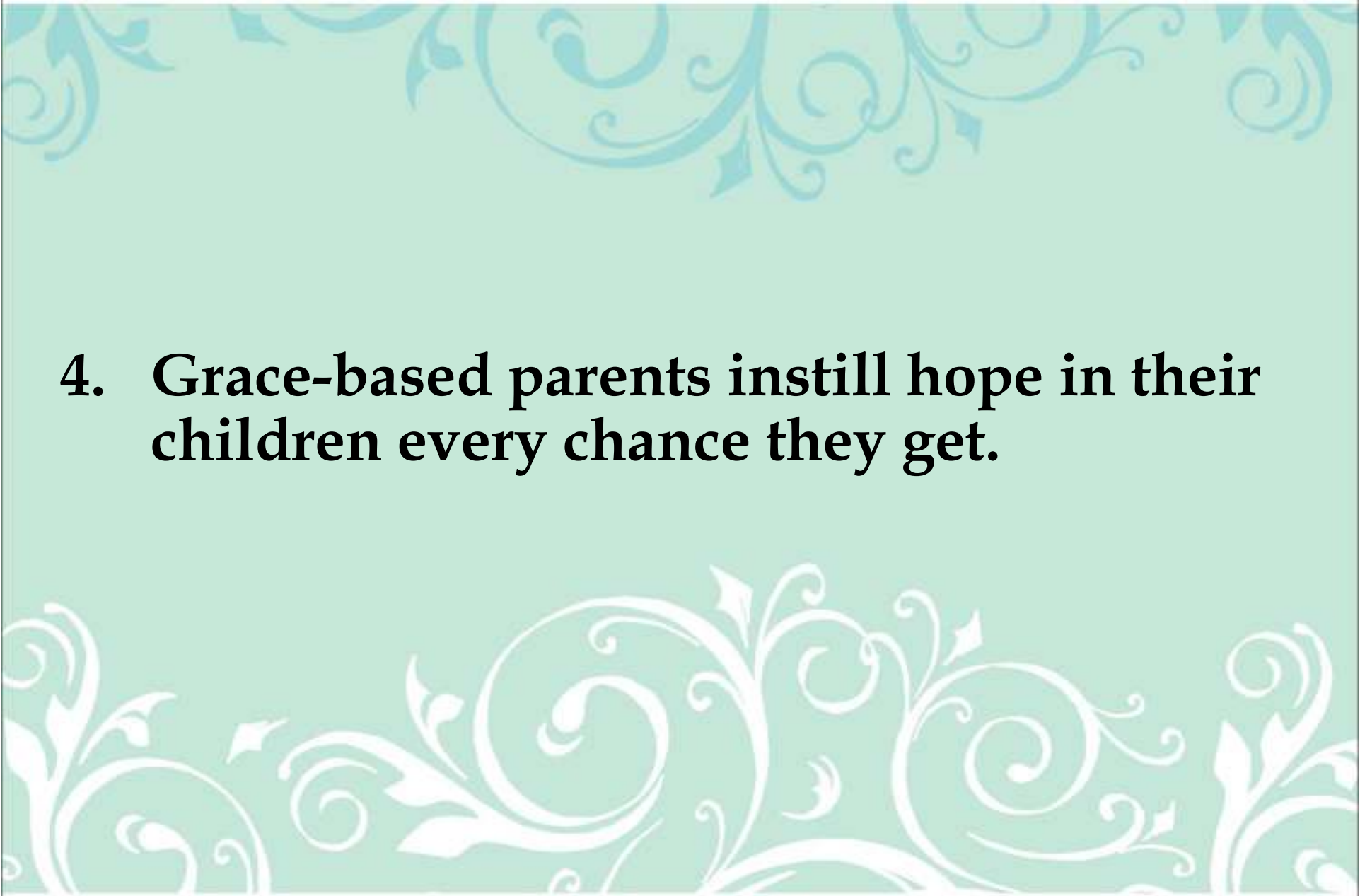
“... it is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace ...”



Consistent expectations and consequences delivered with grace and courtesy will help take away the lure of sin for our kids.



Grace doesn't *lower* standards, it raises them; "I expect more out of you."



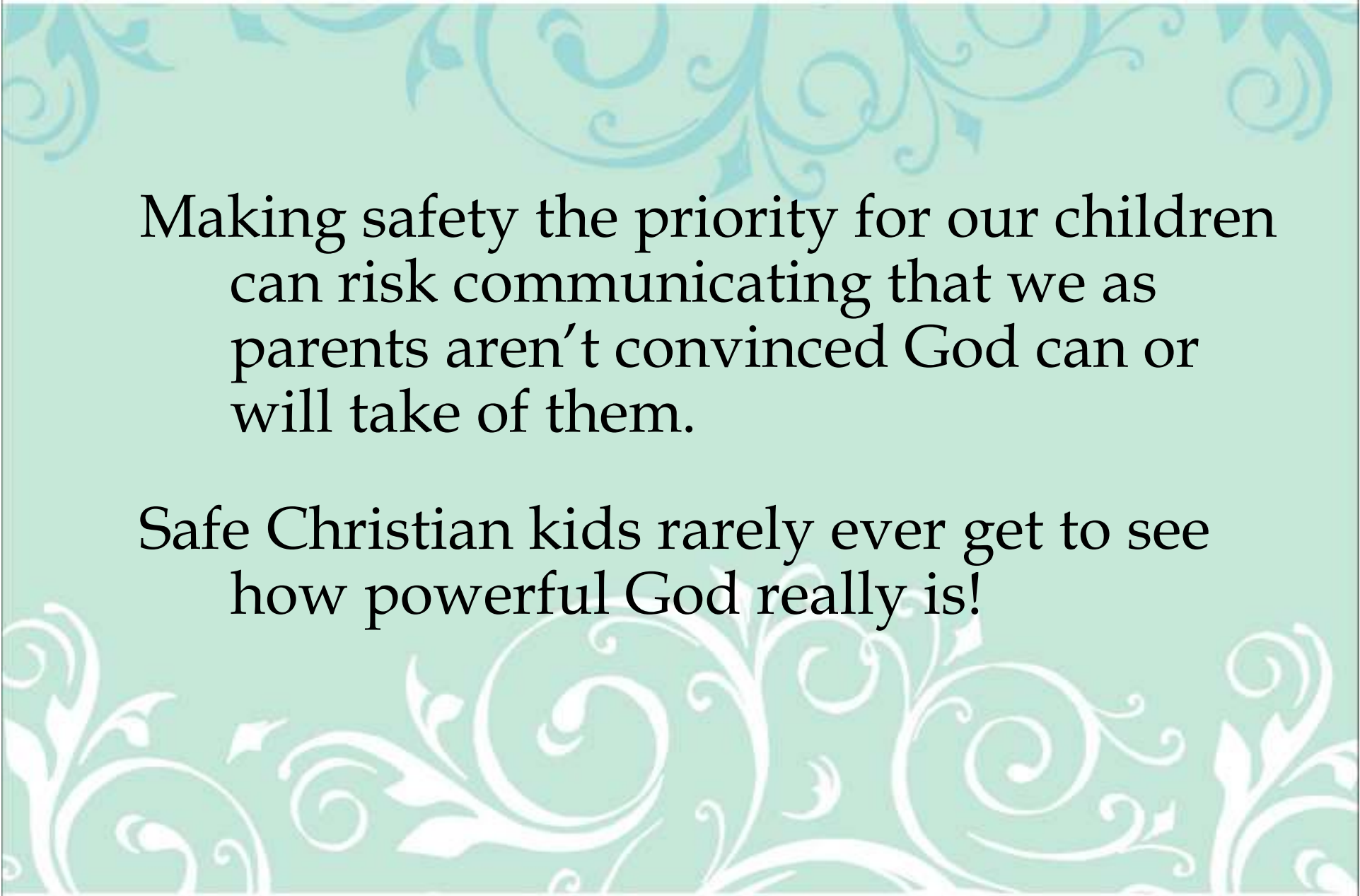
4. Grace-based parents instill hope in their children every chance they get.



5. Grace-based parents let go when it's time to let go.



6. Grace-based parents don't make it their aim to raise safe children.

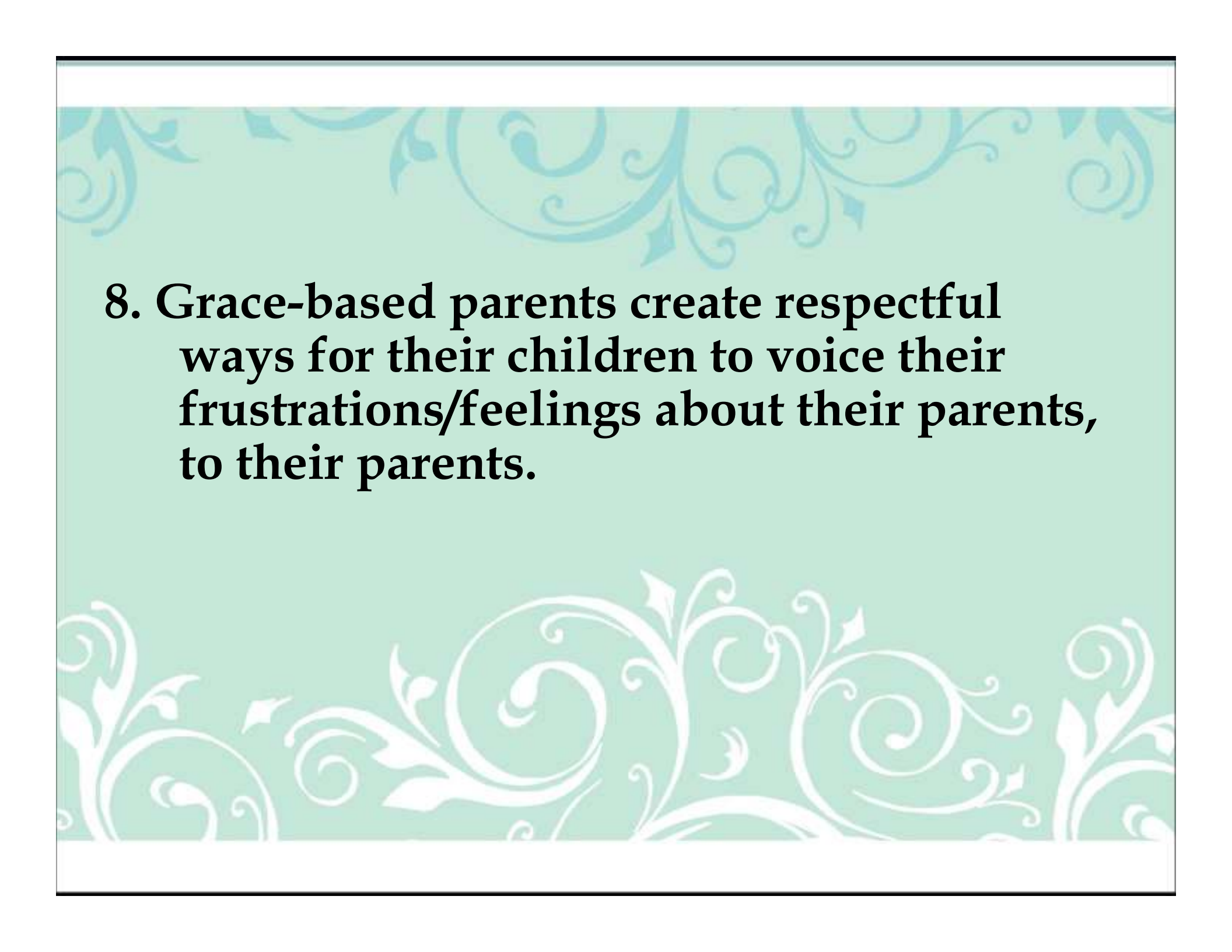


Making safety the priority for our children
can risk communicating that we as
parents aren't convinced God can or
will take of them.

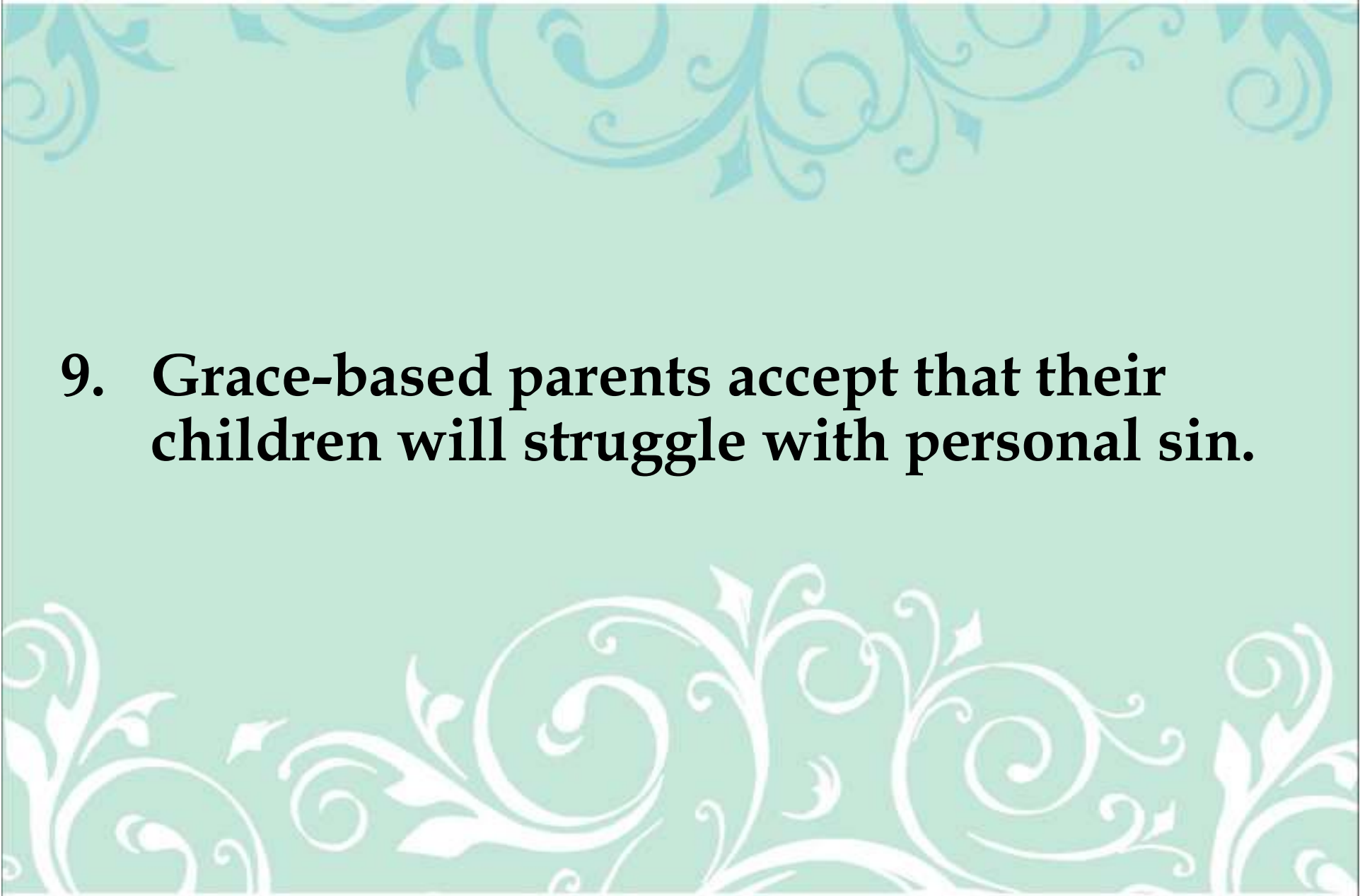
Safe Christian kids rarely ever get to see
how powerful God really is!

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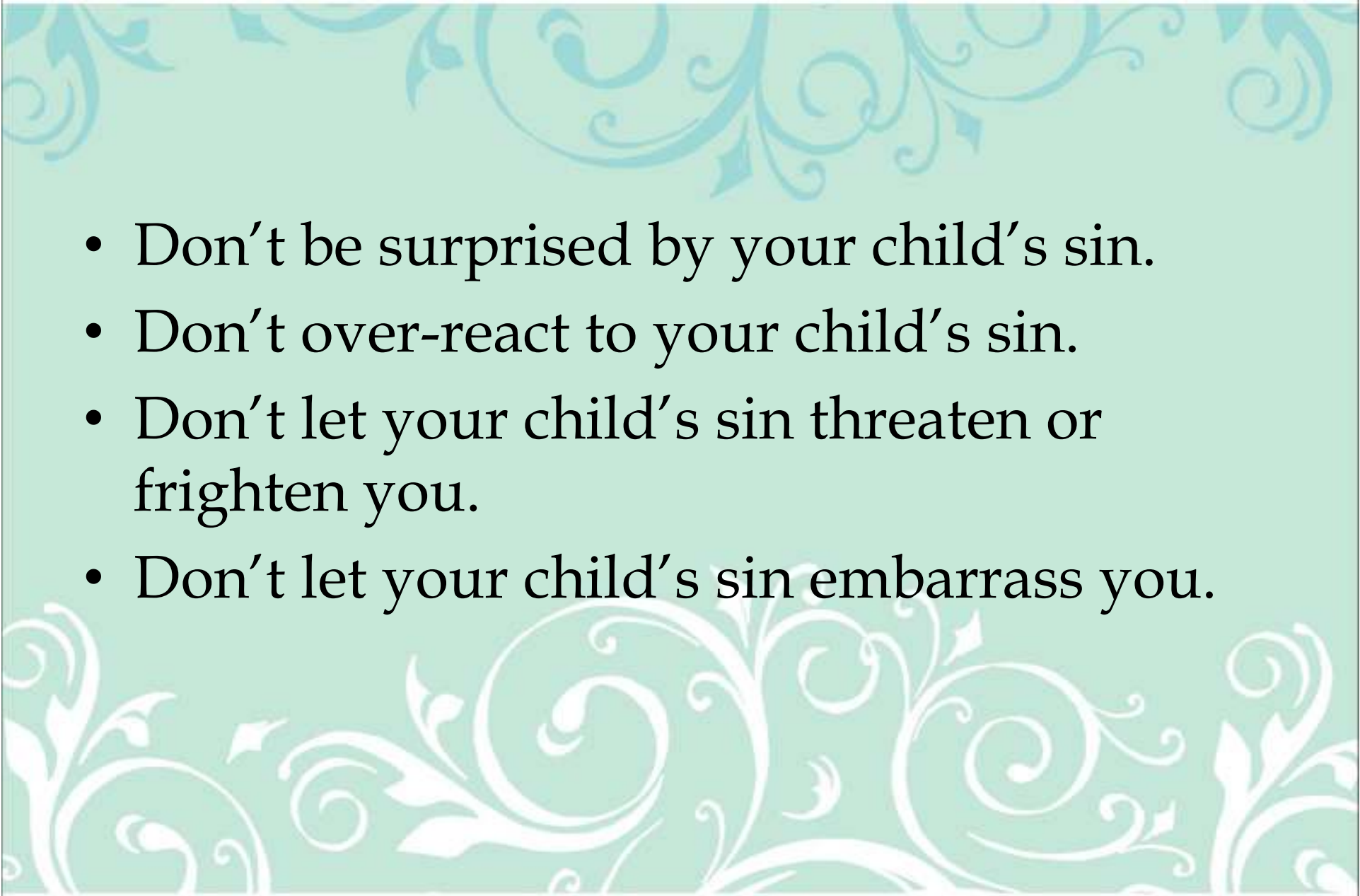
7. Grace-based parents *listen* instead of lecture and *pray* instead of judge.

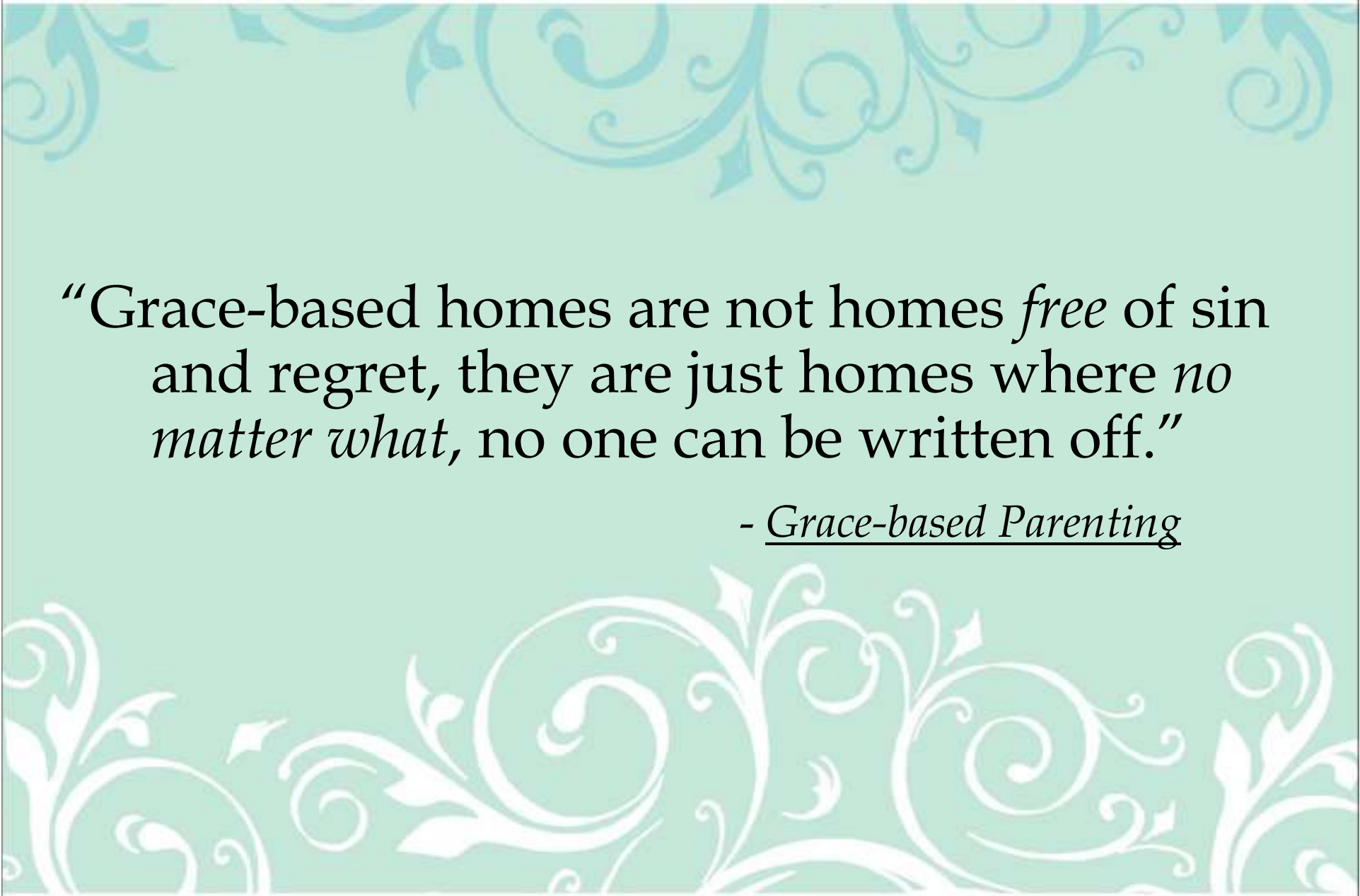
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8. Grace-based parents create respectful ways for their children to voice their frustrations/feelings about their parents, to their parents.



9. Grace-based parents accept that their children will struggle with personal sin.

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- Don't be surprised by your child's sin.
 - Don't over-react to your child's sin.
 - Don't let your child's sin threaten or frighten you.
 - Don't let your child's sin embarrass you.



“Grace-based homes are not homes *free* of sin and regret, they are just homes where *no matter what*, no one can be written off.”

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