

WHEN THINGS GET T XIC

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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AT HOME

1. Thinking back to last week's message, Gary Thomas shared how Jesus walked away over 40 times in the Gospels. How does the idea of "walking away" strike you emotionally?
2. How have you typically understood the command to "honor your parents"? How would you explain the apparent tension between Ephesians 6:1-4 and passages like Matthew 10:34-36?
3. Focus on children can become an idolatry of children or the wrongful indulgence of them. Has this ever been a temptation for you? How would a person know if this was a temptation for them?
4. To stop the miss use of parental authority, Pastor Craig shared that parents are required to discipline themselves first. Taking inventory of your spiritual life, how is the discipline of yourself going right now?
5. How do we honor the office of parent without distorting the truth? Can you think of a time when you have had to honor someone—a parent, boss, friend, relative—without compromising the truth? If you had to do this over again, how, if at all, would you do this differently?
6. How effective are you are setting boundaries?
7. Are you more tempted to fix what's wrong or grieve the loss? If the latter, what advice would you give someone who is prone to 'fixing' the toxicity in another person?
8. Citing from Gary Thomas, Pastor Craig shared how the best way to deal with toxic relatives is to make decisions as if they were healthy and wise in their thinking. What do you think that looks like?

KEY VERSES

Ephesians 6:1-4 • Matthew 10:46-49 • Luke 18:20

John 8:48-49 • Psalm 28:7