

FROM LYING TO SPEAKING THE TRUTH

Ephesians 4.25

Central Idea: *As followers of Jesus, we should always be truthful because lying is incompatible with our new nature.*

☞ How the New Person in Christ Lives Day to Day

EPHESIANS 4	NEGATIVE Command (old self)	POSITIVE Command (new self)	REASON for Positive Command
25	Don't lie	Speak truth	Members of one another
26-27	Don't sin when angry	Be angry	Devil no opportunity
28	Don't steal	Work	Share with those in need
29-30	Don't speak rotten words	Build up with words	Grace to those who hear
31-32	Don't display sinful vices	Be gracious	God is gracious to us

☞ Lying Must be Banished from the Christian Life (25a)

☞ Truth Must be Cultivated in the Christian Life (25b-c)

- Speak the truth (25b)

- Reason: we are members of one another (25c)

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Why are we prone to think that "small" or "little white" lies aren't significant?
2. In what situations are we most tempted to avoid telling the truth?
3. How does the phrase "members of one another" change the way we think about honesty?
4. Why might truthfulness be especially important within the body of Christ? How can speaking the truth actually strengthen relationships instead of harming them?
5. What do you think is the connection between truthfulness and spiritual maturity?
6. How can a small group or even a church family create a culture where truth can be spoken safely and lovingly?

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This outline is provided to assist you in understanding and applying today's message. *From Lying to Speaking the Truth* is the second message in a series on The Changed Life from Ephesians 4.17-32. This message can be listened to or downloaded at cbcomaha.org.



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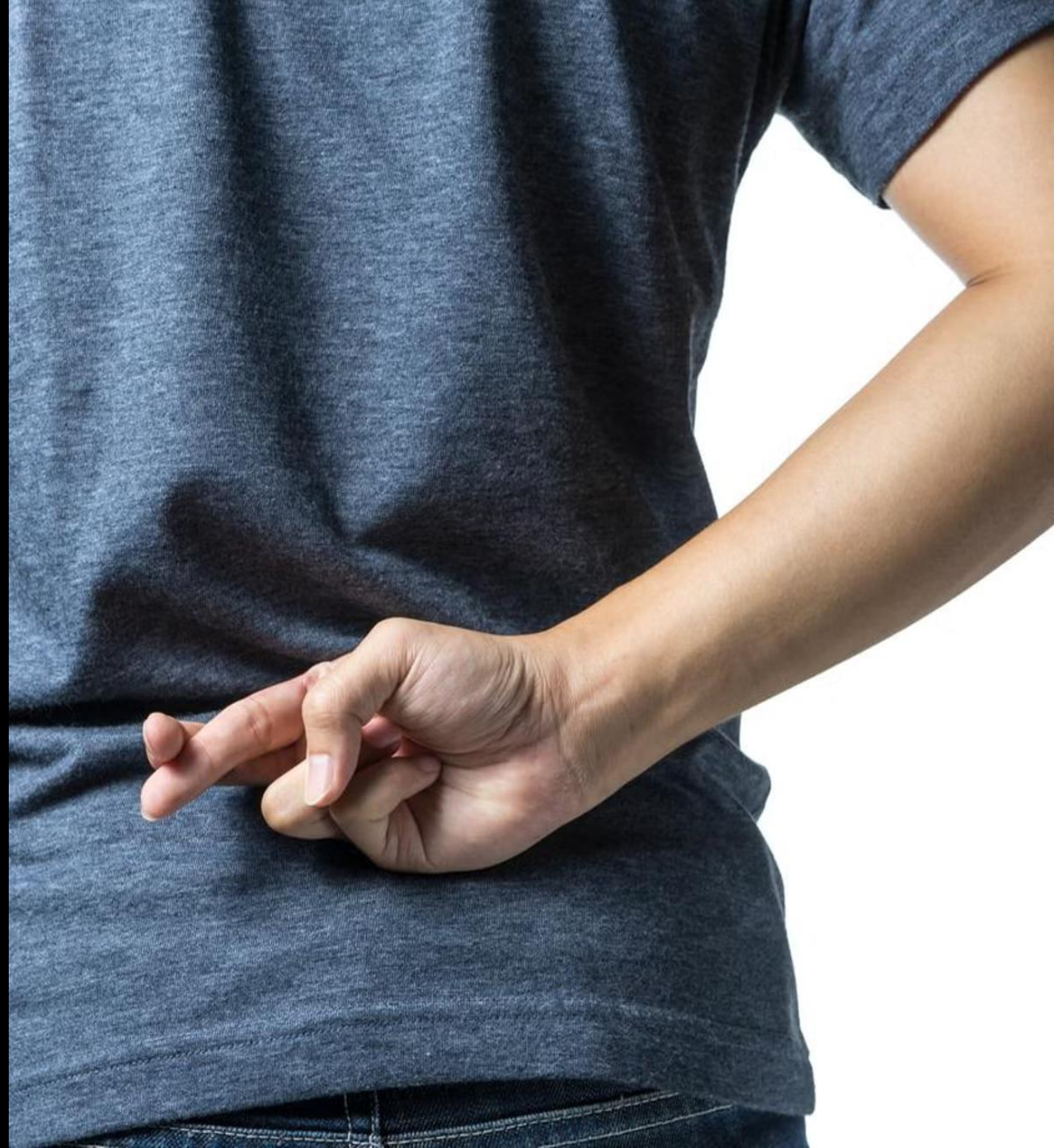
Walk Worthy of Your Calling

Ephesians 4:17-32

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- **How the New Person in Christ
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COMMANDS – to Do

FACTS – to Know

Put off your old self

You have laid aside the old person

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds

You are being renewed by the spirit in your mind

Put on the new self

You have put on the new person

Ephesians 4.22-24

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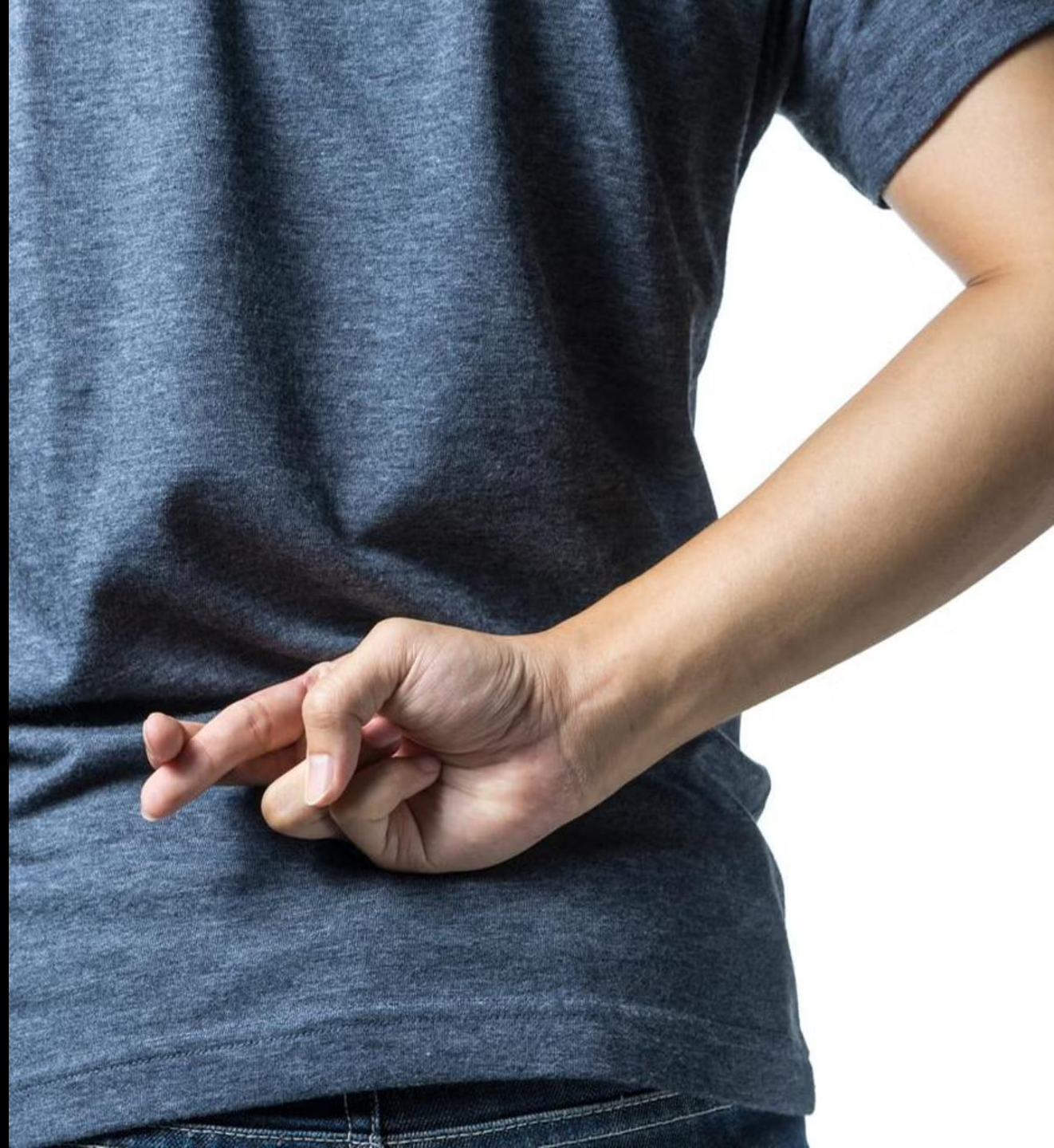
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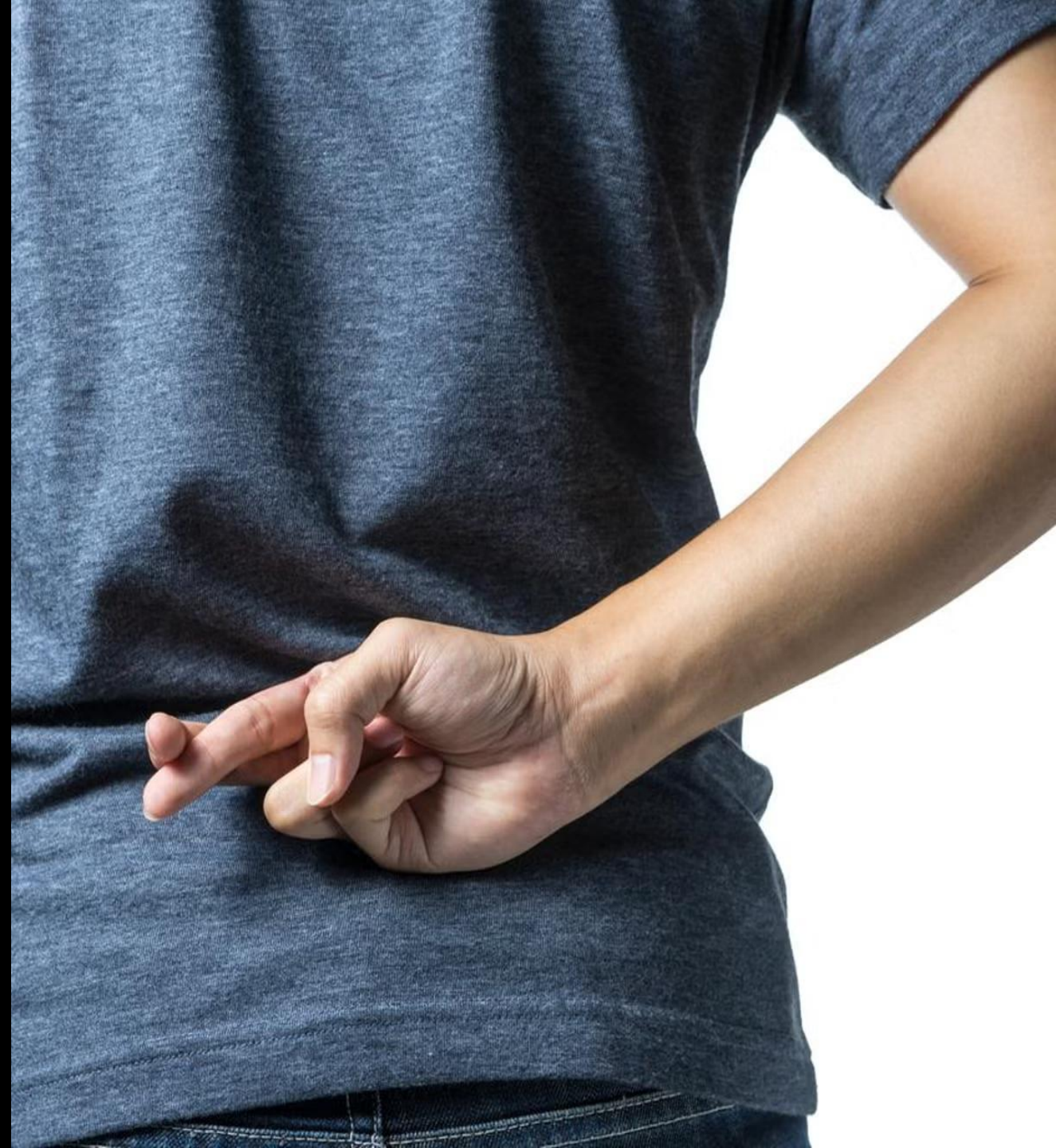


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*Paul's words are not addressed to
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have been born again.*

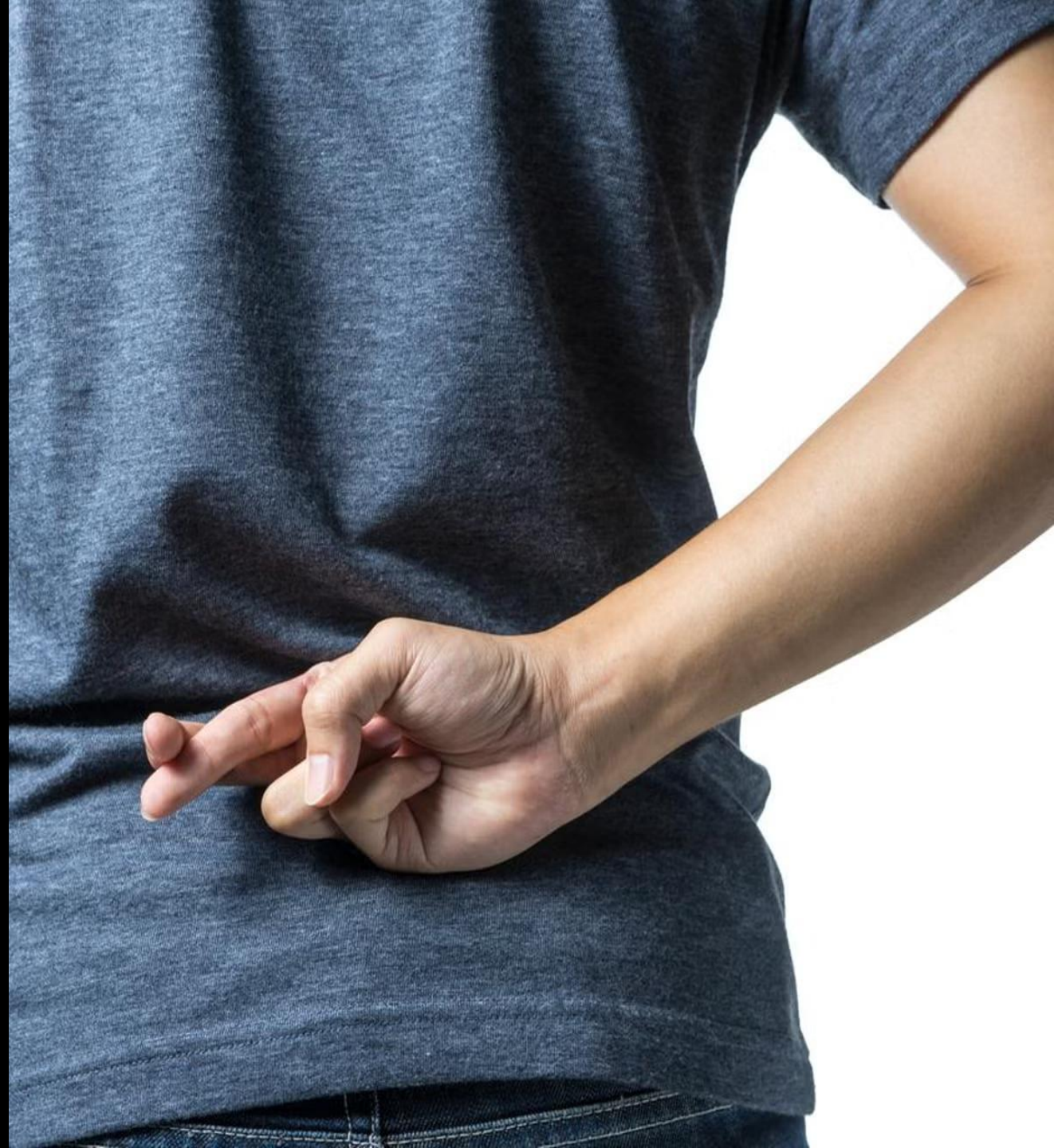


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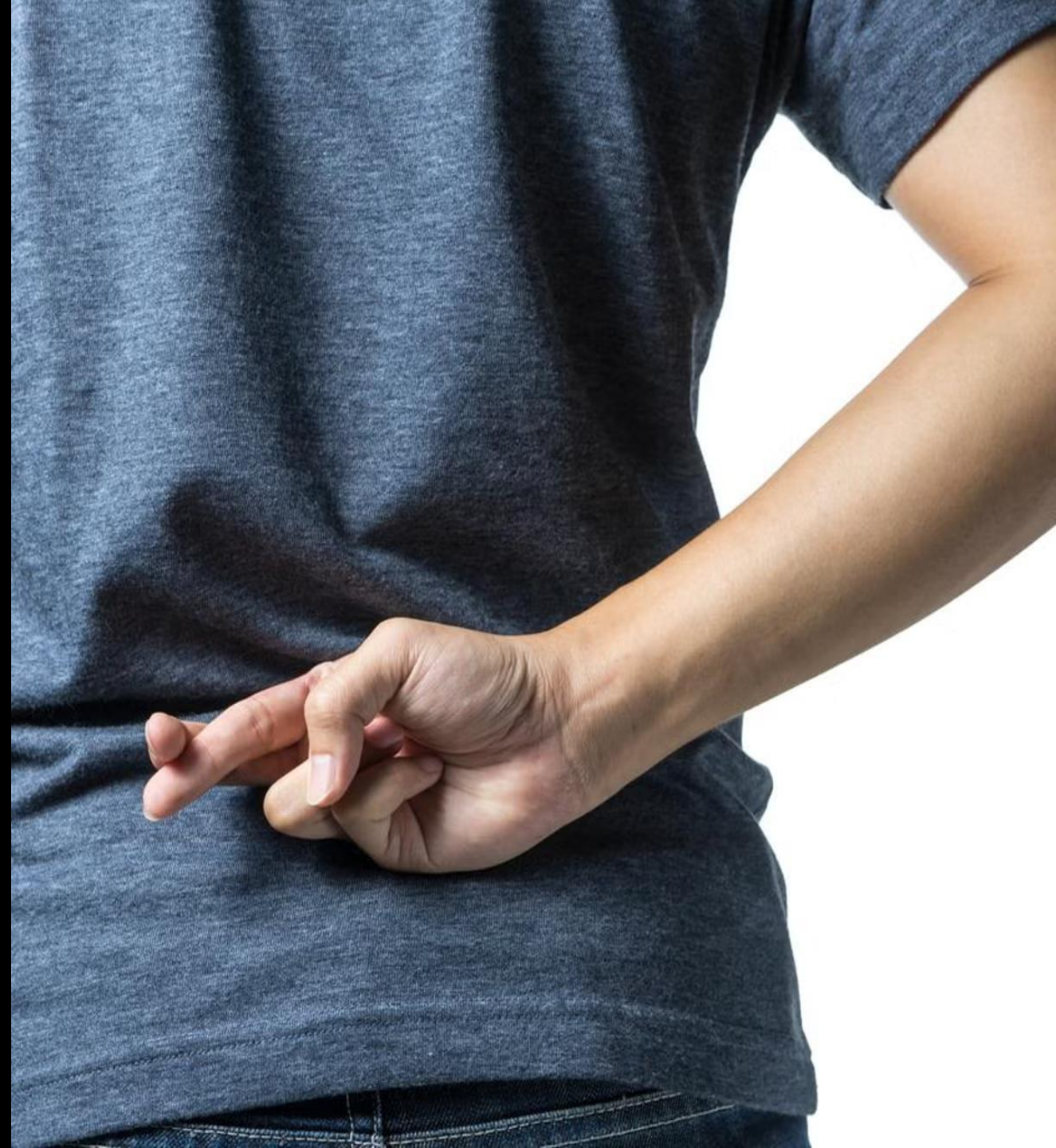
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- ❑ In the 6th grade I was the only kid to be on safety patrol and fire patrol at the same time.
- ❑ I've been interviewed on the local news on three occasions.
- ❑ I've served as a chaplain for the Nebraska unicameral and opened the session in prayer.

