

Wives and Husbands A Study of 1 Peter

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Key Truth: When we fearlessly embrace God's design for husband/wife relationships, we powerfully experience God's grace in evangelism and discipleship.

The world bristles at the concept of submission, whether it is to governing authorities (2:13), or to our earthly masters (2:18), or as in this context, wives submitting to their husbands (3:1). When we refuse to submit, we miss out on God's grace working through our sufferings. However, when we joyfully embrace God's design for submission and service, as difficult as it may be, we find His grace at work within us, because it is no longer us working, but God's energy powerfully working in us (see Colossians 1:29).

DISCUSS

Read **1 Peter 3:1-7** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled "**Wives and Husbands.**"

DIG IN

1. The Power of a Wife's Submission: (1 Peter 3:1-2)

According to verse 1, what is the reason why wives should be subject to their own husbands?

Is this the only reason? Why or why not?

In what way can a wife "win" her unbelieving husband? Why is this way important?

Does this mean a wife should not use words (v. 1) to win her husband? Why or why not?

2. The Beauty of a Wife's Submission: (1 Peter 3:3-6)

In view of verses 3-4, should a wife seek to be physically attractive to her husband? Why or why not?

What attitude does God consider precious in his sight? How may husbands model this attitude?

In what ways is Sarah a good example of biblical submission (v. 6)?

3. The Purpose of a Husband's Care: (1 Peter 3:7)

In what ways must a husband "live with [his wife] in an understanding way" (v. 7)? On what basis must he do this?

In what ways does he benefit spiritually when he understands and honors his wife?

DO

This week, prayerfully look for ways you can understand and honor your wife more. Take note of the benefits you and your family receive when you do this by God's grace.