



Sermon Guide

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Wives & Husbands

1 Peter 3:1-7

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In the sermon this week Pastor Billy examines the beauty of God's design for marriage as it is laid out in 1 Peter 3. We will consider the challenge, the calling, and the consequence of the Bible's unique vision for marriage.

1 Peter 3:1-7

¹ Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear – ⁴ but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Sermon Notes

Intro

#1 The Challenge

#2 The Call

#3 The Consequence

Sermon References

“If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.”

– Augustine

Discussion Questions

1. What do you find most encouraging in this passage? How so?
2. What most challenges you personally in this passage? How so?
3. In what ways might we be tempted to discard or dilute Peter’s message in this passage?
4. How specifically does this passage challenge some of the current cultural attitudes towards marriage, gender, and sexuality?
5. What practically does it look like for a wife to “be subject” to her husband? What does it mean? What does it not mean?
6. How does Jesus provide a picture of submission?
7. Is Peter prohibiting women from braiding their hair or wearing jewelry? If not, what is he saying?
8. What can women (and men!) do to cultivate a “gentle and quiet spirit”?
9. What practically does it look like for husbands to “honor” their wives? In what way is this similar to yet different from the call for wives to “be subject”?
10. How might wives being subject and husbands showing honor lead to a flourishing marriage?
11. What do you think Peter means by referring to women as being the “weaker” vessels?
12. What was your biggest takeaway from our discussion today?