



Week 5

Sermon Series: Sojourners & Exiles: 1 Peter

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

Group Week of: September 25, 2022

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Day 4	Sarah & Abraham – Genesis 18:1-15
Day 5	Husbands & Wives – Colossians 3:18-19

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¹Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ²when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. ⁵For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, ⁶like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

⁷Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Textual Questions

- 1) What is the message God and Peter are speaking to the church in Asia Minor (and to you) through this passage?
- 2) Peter begins both his commands for husbands and wives with the words “in the same way.” What does this mean? How does it inform the meaning of the commands we are looking at?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Sometimes we meet Christian couples who testify to the greatness of God and the goodness of Christ through the strength and love of their marriage. If you've ever known a couple like this, write out below what made their marriage such a powerful testimony to Christ.

- 2) Marriages between believers and unbelievers can happen for a variety of good and not so good reasons. Peter addresses this common issue by explaining that women may be able to win their unbelieving husbands to Christ through submission, purity, and reverence. How can such things break through a heart hardened by sin?

- 3) Is there ever a time when a believing wife would be right before the Lord to not obey or be in submission to her unbelieving husband? If yes, then what are those times, and how should that be done?

- 4) To take in God's definition of beauty (inward) and reject the world's definition of beauty (outward) is incredibly hard.
 - i. For both men and women, what makes this difficult?

 - ii. What can we do as Christians to bring out concepts of beauty in line with God?

 - iii. How do we teach the next generation to adopt God's beauty rather than the world's?

- 5) Peter tells the husbands to be considerate of their wives. Literally, this could be translated "live with your wives according to knowledge." This knowledge is not limited to just God or to just the wife, but rather includes both. How can a husband grow in the knowledge of God and of his wife? (Men, if you are willing, allow your wife to quiz you on how well you know her and know what is important to her).

- 6) Why does Peter tell husbands to *respect* their wives as the "weaker partner"? (Consider how the flesh will tend to exploit weaknesses rather than honor them.)

- 7) Peter reminds husbands that not treating their wives properly will result in God not hearing their prayers. What does this tell us about what God expects of men in marriage?