



Husbands and Wives | 1 Peter 3:1-7

In 2:12, there is a way of life that Peter called “honorable”, or literally – “beautiful.” A beautiful way of life that is characterized by moving toward those who have hurt us in love and grace. Peter dealt with the hard realities of a persecuting government and unjust masters. Now, he moves into looking at the hard realities of the marriage relationship. Marriage can be an avenue of horrendous pain (some of the worst), but Peter shares the secret of loving well.

What are some of the common challenges that marriages face?
If you are single, how can learning these truths impact your life?

READ/REFLECT

1 Peter 3:1-7 ... read through these verses.

Notice the word “likewise” in verses 1 and 7. How do these words tie marriage back to the challenging relationships discussed in chapter 2? Additionally, what does the use of this word as an introduction to both wives and husbands shed light on the marriage relationship?

In verses 1-2, what is the reason given for submission?

How does Peter describe the “beauty” in verses 3-4? What is “gentleness”? Why is it precious in God’s sight?

How is the “example of Sarah” relevant? What is the “good” described in verse 6 and what is the “fear” that is to be avoided? How do you see these issues being played out in the marriage relationship?

How do husbands live with their wives in “an understanding way”? (verse 7)

The idea of the “weaker vessel” is the idea of the women being “delicate.” How does a husband show honor as he keeps that in mind? What are some specific examples?

How can the perspective of “heirs with you of the grace of life” shape a marriage?

How would the husband’s failure to honor lead to prayers being “hindered”?

RESPOND

What specifically will you take away from this passage? How and when will you apply that truth?

REACH OUT in prayer

Ask each person in the group to share how others can pray for them to apply these truths to their lives.