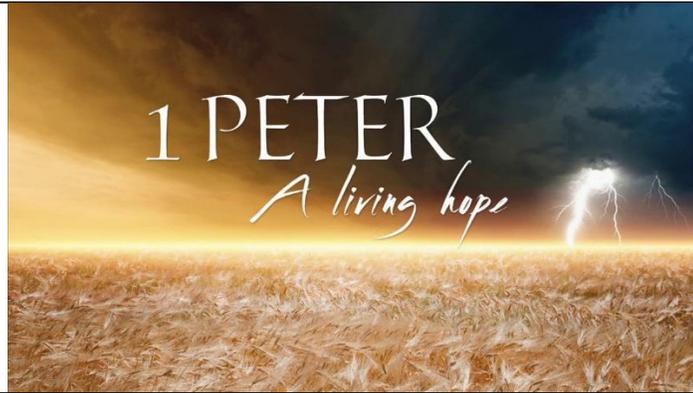


1 Peter

a living hope

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1 Peter 3:1-7



Text

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1	Wives, 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,	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,	The same goes for you wives: Be good wives to your husbands, responsive to their needs. There are husbands who, indifferent as they are to any words about God, will be captivated by your life of holy beauty. What matters is not your outer appearance—the styling of your hair, the jewelry you wear, the cut of your clothes—but your inner disposition.
2	when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.	when they see your respectful and pure conduct.	
3	Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes.	Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—	
4	Rather, 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.	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.	Cultivate inner beauty, the gentle, gracious kind that God delights in. The holy women of old were beautiful before God that way, and were good, loyal wives to their husbands. Sarah, for instance, taking care of Abraham, would address him as “my dear husband.” You’ll be true daughters of Sarah if you do the same, unanxious and unintimidated.
5	For 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,	For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,	
6	like 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.	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	Husbands, 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.	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[a] of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.	
			The same goes for you husbands: Be good husbands to your wives. Honor them, delight in them. As women they lack some of your advantages. But in the new life of God’s grace, you’re equals. Treat your wives, then, as equals so your prayers don’t run aground.

Group Discussion

Read **1 Peter 3:1-7**

- This is another in a series of submit statements that Peter makes.
 - Submit to authority (**2:13-17**)
 - Slaves submit (**2:18-20**)
 - Wives submit (**3:1-7**)
- Why do words like submission – submit have such a bad implication for many?
 - What is the relationship between submission and discipleship?
- In **verses 1 and 7** Peter says *“in the same way”*.
 - In the same way as what?
 - What is the context (hint go back to chapter 2)?
 - Why is Peter emphasizing this?
- What does Peter tell wives they are to do?
 - Who are wives to submit to?
 - What about unmarried women?
 - What does submission look like, and not look like?
 - How does a person cultivate inner beauty?
 - How does one gain character?
 - Why is true character so important and precious to God?
- What does he tell husbands they are to do?
 - What do you think the phrase, *“treat them with respect as the weaker partner”* means practically for husbands?
 - In what ways might a husband’s prayers be hindered because of problems with their relationship with their wives?
- What does it mean, what does it look like, for husbands and wives to relate in this way?
 - Why do men sometimes try to dominate their wives?
 - Why do wives sometimes try to dominate their husbands?
 - What harm does this do?
 - How is domination of another person contrary to God's nature?

Praying For One Another

Pray that each one in your group be aware of the implications of living out these questions.

This Week

Read 1 Peter 3 in preparation for next week