

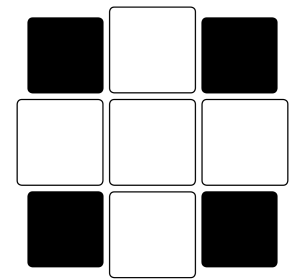
Gospel Marriage

Scripture: **1 Peter 3:1-7**

Series: **Standing in Grace**

Sunday, October 12, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Ecclesiastes 4:6; Matthew 11:28-30;
Colossians 1:28-29



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Overview

The goal of a gospel marriage is that Christ would be formed in a husband and wife.

Discussion Questions

1. Why are texts on marriage so important for every Christ follower to understand? What are some other connections we can make to press these truths and apply them to those of us whom they may not seem to be the best fit for? Why do you think Peter chose to devote six verses to addressing wives and one verse to husbands?
2. What does submission mean? [respect, follow] What are other verses to consult in order to better understand the principle of submission? Discuss these. What does “even if some do not obey the word” mean? Who is this referring to?
3. What is abuse? What are signs of abuse? What should you do if you suspect abuse?
4. Look at verses 2 through 4. What are the most important qualities in a wife? [character] What is important to ask when you find someone attractive? [“What are you attracted to?”] Where do we find our identity? [not externals but internals] Why is this so significant? How do men and women reinforce these values in community?
5. “All of our relationships have trouble. All of our marriages have trouble.” Do you agree with this? How is it true? Why is it true? In the midst of conflict, what are the best ways to diffuse it? [compliment your circumstance, cf. Ecclesiastes 4:6] What does this mean?
6. Look at verses 5 and 6. Peter appeals to the biblical heritage—our spiritual ancestry. Do we value heritage and ancestry like we should? Why or why not? How can we increase the honor of heritage in our community?
7. Look at verse 7. Do you know your spouse? How do you go about understanding him or her? What questions should the two of you be asking one another? How can you better learn your spouse and learn *from* your spouse?
8. How do you go about honoring your spouse? What is the meaning of the reference, “weaker vessel?” What is the justification for honoring your spouse? [look at 7b] What is the implication of the closing phrase about prayer?
9. What’s our aim in all our living? [Colossians 1:28-29] How does 1 Peter 3:1-7 help us present everyone, especially our spouse, mature in Christ?