

## I. WIVES, BE SUBJECT TO YOUR OWN HUSBANDS (1 PETER 3:1)

- A. The word “likewise” means we must follow Peter’s contextual theme **(1 Peter 3:1)**
1. Peter is addressing the obligations subjects have to those above them **(1 Peter 2:13-25)**
  2. The obligations have a Godward orientation **(1 Peter 2:13, 16, 18-20; 3:4)**
  3. Peter is concerned with good conduct among unbelievers **(1 Peter 1:15, 17; 2:12, 15)**
- B. A wife’s submission is to her own husband because a husband is the head of a wife **(1 Peter 3:1; Ephesians 5:23-24)**

## II. THE DIVINE PURPOSE OF WIVES SUBMITTING TO HUSBANDS (1 PETER 3:1-2)

- A. Marital submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband’s authority, and a disposition help him carry out his leadership through leveraging her God-given gifts
- B. God may use submission to win unbelieving husbands **(1 Peter 3:1-2)**
1. Even if some husbands have heard the gospel but rejected it, the conduct of wives may win them over **(1 Peter 3:1-2; 1 Corinthians 9:19, 23)**
  2. This conduct must be Godward in its motivation **(1 Peter 3:2)**
- C. Three other divine purposes for submission of wives to husbands
1. It is proper **(Colossians 3:18)**
  2. It prevents the word of God from being reviled **(Titus 2:3-5)**
  3. It preaches the gospel **(Ephesians 5:22-33)**

### SOMETHING NEW TO ME

### WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

## SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What is the significance to the word "likewise" at the beginning of 1 Peter 3:1?
2. How does understanding the context of the command for wives to submit to husbands help us grasp the meaning of submission?
3. What does it mean for a husband to be the head of his wife? How can this truth help us grasp what it means that Christ is the head of the church?
4. What are the divine purposes behind Godward submission of wives to their husbands?

**ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD** (CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)

**KEY WORDS** (WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)

## Metaphor –

## NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD