

# SUFFER WELL

A FIELD GUIDE FROM  
1ST & 2ND PETER

## WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

### WK 6: Husbands & Wives

#### SERIES OVERVIEW

Suffering is a natural consequence of surrender. As we surrender in greater ways to the Lordship of Jesus, we should expect persecution and difficulty especially as we find ourselves living in a negative world. 1st Peter encourages believers to persevere faithfully in light of their present hope and future salvation.

#### 1 PETER VIDEO OVERVIEW

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#### CONTEXT

1 Peter 3:1-7, Peter instructs wives to be subject to their husbands, so their conduct might win over their husbands without words, highlighting the importance of inner beauty and a gentle spirit. Likewise, husbands are called to honor their wives and live with understanding, recognizing them as co-heirs of the grace of life, so their prayers may not be hindered.

#### THE BIG IDEA

Wives should submit to their husbands and husbands should honor their wives. This requires a proper view of self and spouse.

#### ICEBREAKER

Share a moment when you felt truly honored or understood by your spouse, a friend, or a family member. How did this experience influence your relationship with them?

#### SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 3:1-7

1 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, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 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. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 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 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 of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

#### SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

For this week's topic, consider breaking into mens and womens groups for discussion questions and prayer time.

#### STARTER QUESTION

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

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### GROUP DISCUSSION

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7 as a group.

How did your understanding of this passage change from simply reading it to listening to Pastor James preaching on it this weekend?

Discuss the 3 things that Submission is NOT according to the sermon. How do these things impact you as a husband or wife?

Pastor James reiterated several times that "Submission is Mission". Discuss how this helps marriage serve a Gospel purpose.

Read verses 1-2 and share a time you have personally experienced or you've witnessed these verses play out in real life. How did God use the obedience of a respectful and pure wife to "win" the heart of their husband toward God and their marriage?

In reference to verse 5, Pastor James told wives to put their hope in God not their husband. How does ultimately putting your hope in God help wives live out God's instructions in 1 Peter 3:1-7.

In verses 3-6, Peter is telling us that inner beauty should be prioritized over outer beauty. Why should we focus on inner beauty? How do we grow in inner beauty by prioritizing intimacy with God?

In verse 7, Peter calls husbands and wives co-heirs of King Jesus, meaning we are all equal in the sight of God. How does this impact men as they honor their wife and women as they submit to their husband?

### Group Discussion continued:

Peter tells husbands to "live with your wives in an understanding way". Realising that understanding = knowledge, how can husbands grow in their knowledge of their wives and how will this impact the countenance of your wife and quality of your marriage?

### PRAYER

\*For a deeper and more responsive prayer time, stay in your gender based groups.

Realizing this teaching from 1 Peter 3:1-7 can stir up many different kinds of thoughts, and emotions, have each person share what they need from God to be the husband or wife that God has called them to be.

As a group, lift up these needs for each person. Also, celebrate what God has done and will do in the hearts of husbands and wives.

**Closing Prayer:** *Come back together as a large group and close with this prayer.*

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge and are grateful that you are the author of the Marriage Covenant. May our marriages honor you and each other while proclaiming the Gospel to a world that needs it. Holy Spirit we ask you to help us to live out your Word and your Ways. We love you God and pray in the name of Jesus, amen.