

SERMON TEXT - 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.

AN UPSIDE DOWN MARRIAGE

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Theme: *Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution*

#1 Wives: *Be subject to your husbands*

A. What does this mean?

Subject: *Voluntarily placing oneself under the direction of another*

B. How do we live this out?

Key Idea: Jesus was subject to God the Father

#2 Husbands: *Honor your wives as heirs with you*

A. What does this mean?

Honor: *To see as valuable; to elevate and protect*

B. How do we live this out?

Key Idea: *We find honor through the dishonor of Christ on the Cross*

Other Passages and Quotes

St. Augustine's reflections on his mother's faith

She served her husband as her master, and did all she could to win him for You, speaking to him of You by her conduct, by which You made her beautiful.... Finally, when her husband was at the end of his earthly span, she gained him for You.

Genesis 12:1 Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you

Genesis 12:11 When he was about to enter Egypt, he said to Sarai his wife, "I know that you are a woman beautiful in appearance, 12 and when the Egyptians see you, they will say, 'This is his wife.' Then they will kill me, but they will let you live. 13 Say you are my sister, that it may go well with me because of you...

Genesis 22:3 So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac...

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;