

Marriage in Exile

1 Peter 3:1-7

God created marriage for the purpose of bringing
GLORY to Himself.

1 Peter 2:12, 3:1-7

Wives bring glory to God as they SUBMIT to their husbands.

1 Peter 3:1-6

- Submission acknowledges an AUTHORITY that is not totally MUTUAL.
- Submission is an inner ATTITUDE of gentleness that affirms the LEADERSHIP of your husband.
- Submission involves OBEDIENCE like SARAH'S.

Husbands bring glory to God as they exercise CONSIDERATE
leadership of their wives.

1 Peter 3:7

- Treat your wife with UNDERSTANDING.
- Treat your wife with HONOR.
- Treat your wife as a CO-HEIR.

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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What false messages about marital roles does our culture (and sometimes well-meaning Christians) embrace and speak to us? What are some misconceptions about submission and leadership that you've heard or had yourself before?
2. Read Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-24, 3:1-6, 9-13, 16, 20. Where in these passages do we see partnership and where do we see headship? How is there a reversal of headship in Genesis 3? How do you understand the term "helper-fit" in Genesis 2? (see also 1 Cor 11:3; 11:8-9)
3. Which of the three subpoints about submission impacted you the most? Why? Why questions do you have about submission?
4. Read 1 Peter 3:5-6. How is Sarah an example of submissive obedience to her husband? (see Genesis 12:1, 12:11-13, 17:15, 17:23, 18:6, 18:12, 20:2-5) How is this challenging to you?
5. Which of the three subpoints about considerate leadership impacted you the most? Why? What questions do you have about considerate leadership?
6. What does it look like when men abdicate their leadership role or when they assert their leadership in sinful ways? (see Proverbs 21:9, 19, 14:29, 15:1, 15:18, 16:32, 19:11; Col 3:19; James 2:19-20)
7. How have you seen submission and considerate leadership be demonstrative of the glory of God, and thus fulfill 1 Peter 2:12? How does Ephesians 5:22-33 help you see how this works itself out?

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