

## 1 Peter 3:1-7

In the same way, wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by the way their wives live when they observe your pure, reverent lives. Don't let your beauty consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes, but rather what is inside the heart—the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

For in the past, the holy women who put their hope in God also adorned themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands, just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children when you do what is good and do not fear any intimidation.

Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner, showing them honor as co-heirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

When did God last disagree with you?

How did you respond?

## 1 Peter 2:11-12

Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honorably among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your good works and will glorify God on the day he visits.

The imperishable  
beauty of a wife who  
hopes in God (3:1-6)

“The laughter of Sarah can still be heard behind the curtain of our tents today. The voices of many women who hear these words on submission are likely to exclaim, ‘You have got to be kidding me. That’s absurd. God will keep his promises to me? He will keep me safe in this relationship?’ And Peter says, ‘Yes. God can be trusted.’”

- David Helm



The tender strength of  
a husband who's  
humbled by grace (3:7)

## Husband, evaluate yourself...

- Does she feel safe to disagree?
- Does she feel honored in disagreements?
- Does she feel her opinions are valued?
- Furthermore, do you respect her views?
- Do you ask for her opinion and listen carefully?
- Can you identify your spouse's greatest fears, desires, and needs?

## Husband, evaluate yourself...

- Would your spouse agree with your assessment?
- How do you handle conflict and disagreement?
- How do you respond when you are told "no"?
- Is your authority more important than your spouse?

# Confession of our Faith

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven:**

**in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Pastor: What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**Congregation: First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.**

# Prayer of Confession

Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
reap steadfast love;  
break up your fallow ground,  
for it is the time to seek the LORD,  
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

–Hosea 10:12



Take time in silence  
to confess your sins to the Lord.

# Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Come to this table,  
not because you must but because you may,  
not because you are strong, but because you are  
weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives  
you a right to come,  
but because you need mercy and help.

Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.

Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.

Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

Pastor: Praise to you, Lord Jesus!

**People:**

**Dying, you destroyed our death;**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory!**