

## I Peter – The True Story of Marriage

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I Peter 3:1-7

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **We are sometimes unreliable narrators of our own lives**

This is most often the case in our primary relationships.

\*How have you been an unreliable narrator of your story in a close relationship?

#### **Men live with this question in their heart: Am I respectable?**

Biblical submission is about caring for that question in your husband's soul.

Read and discuss I Peter 3:1-6(ESV)

**3** 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, <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

\*Husbands, what speaks respect to your heart?

\*Wives, how do cultivate your inner person?

\*Husbands, what does it look like to understand the sometimes frightening realities of being a woman?

#### **Women live with this question in their heart: Is my heart safe?**

Honoring your wife means caring for that question in your wife's soul.

Read and discuss I Peter 3:7(ESV)

<sup>7</sup> 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.

\*Wives, what speaks honor and understanding to your heart?

\*What does Peter mean here by 'heirs with you?'

#### **You've been called by God to care for the heart of your spouse in ways that lead them to God**

Marriage is about learning to love someone well.

\*What are some ways you have been successful at allowing God to be in charge of your marriage?

\*How do we take the burden off of our spouse to meet all of our needs?

\*How have you found yourself policing the job your spouse is doing at loving you?

\*How have you been led to God by the way your spouse has cared for your heart?

\*If you aren't married, what can you learn from this passage in I Peter?

#### **Join us as we read through the book of I Peter this winter as a church**

**January 24<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>:** I Peter 5:1 – 1:25