

THE TRIALS OF TRIUMPH

#5 The Right to Submit

1 Peter 3:1-7 (ESV)

1 Peter 3:1-7 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.

Key Verse: 1 Peter 3:6b . . . if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. **There are lots of things to be afraid of...submission can be a cause of fear.**

1. Submit means: to yield oneself to the **AUTHORITY OR WILL** of another.

How Did Jesus Handle The Idea Of Submission?

Do you think fear motivated Jesus' behavior in the Garden?

1. How did he submit?

a. **PHYSICALLY**

Isaiah 52:13-14 Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. ¹⁴ As many were astonished at you his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind.

b. **SPIRITUALLY**

2 Corinthians 5:21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

c. **EMOTIONALLY**

Isaiah 53:3 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

d. **INTELLECTUALLY**

Philippians 2:5-8 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. **(NKJV)**

Peter Says Submit, Who Does He Say Submit To?

1. **GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY** 1 Peter 2:13

2. **EMPLOYERS** 1 Peter 2:18

3. **WIVES TO HUSBANDS** 1 Peter 3:1

4. **HUSBANDS TO WIVES** 1 Peter 3:7

5. **YOUNGER TO OLDER** 1 Peter 5:8

6. **ALL OF US TO GOD** 1 Peter 5:6

Peter Says Submit, Why Does He Say Submit?

1. **So that as the world GETS TO KNOW US they will WANT TO KNOW JESUS.**

We are to be different!

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Wives Submit to Your Husbands?

1. What submission is not!

a. If your Husband asks you to abandon **YOUR FAITH** do you submit? **NO!**

b. If your Husband asks you to **SIN** do you submit? **NO!**

c. Does it mean you always **AGREE WITH HIM AND NEVER PRESENT A DIFFERING OPINION?** **NO!**

d. If your husband is **UNFAITHFUL DO YOU JUST ACCEPT IT AND SUBMIT?** **NO!**

e. If your husband abuses you physically or verbally are you to **REMAIN SILENT AND ACCEPT IT?** **NO!**

2. What submission is!

a. Fostering a **GENTLE AND QUIET SPIRIT** internal beauty not external.

b. This is not weakness but **GREAT STRENGTH.**

Husbands Submit to Your Wives?

1. Husbands **LOVE** your wives with a **GENTLE AND KIND** spirit knowing they are the **WEAKER VESSEL.**

Are You Ready to Live Counter to Society And be a Person of Submission?

Are You Trusting Jesus Enough to Not Fear Anything That is Frightening?