



#5 Called To Live Like Jesus In The Land Of Exile

"In the Same Way . . ."

Being a Witness to the Gospel in Your Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-7(NIV)

In this study of 1 Peter we have been looking at how we are to live as sojourners in a world that is not our home and that is becoming increasingly hostile to Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We are strangers in the sense that our beliefs and manner of living is different, even opposite of what the world believes and how the world teaches us we should live and act.

As foreigners, resident aliens in this world, we are also called to be **AMBASSADORS** of God's kingdom.

1 Peter 2:9-12 *But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.*

We learned last week that Peter's instruction to us as sojourners is to live lives of **SUBMISSION**.

1 Peter 2:13 *Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority . . .*

1 Peter 2:18 *Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, . . .*

1 Peter 3:1 *Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands . . .*

Submission has to do with order and authority. Submission is **WILLING** and **RESPECTFUL YIELDING** to authority – sometimes used in a military sense to place under rank. God has created an **ORDERLY** universe and has ordained for us various levels of authority.

We submit to those in authority over us following Jesus as our **PRIME EXAMPLE**.

1 Peter 2:21-25 *To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that*

we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Instructions to Wives

1 Peter 2:1-6 *Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² they see the purity and reverence of your lives. ³Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. ⁴ Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. ⁵For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, ⁶like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

Every wife is to be submissive to her husband, acknowledging the **HEADSHIP** of her husband as **ORDAINED** by God *Ephesians 5:23-24*

It is not the outward appearance of a wife that will influence her husband but her inner life of **HOLINESS** and **SUBMISSION**.

GLAMOUR is something that a person can put on and take off but true **BEAUTY** is always present.

Instructions to Husbands

1 Peter 3:7 *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

In the same way . . . referring back to the example of Christ, who **SACRIFICIALLY** submitted himself to suffer and die on the cross for us.

Within marriage, husbands are to exercise a role of **SELF-SACRIFICIAL HEADSHIP**.

Weaker does not mean **INFERIOR**.

Wives are fellow **HEIRS** with their husbands of the gracious gift of **ETERNAL LIFE** and like him was made in the **IMAGE** of God.

"If the wife shows submission and the husband consideration, and if both submit to Christ and follow His example, then they will have an enriching experience in their marriage." – Warren Wiersbe