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*So... I'd really love to hear from you. Tim shared from God's word in Ephesians last week and 1 Peter 3 this week. Both passages call wives to submission. My question is... What's your real view of submission? How are you doing with that in your relationship with the Lord? If you're married, how are you doing with submission in relation to your husband? What obstacles get in your way? I'd really love to hear your thoughts. Maybe I can address any concerns or questions you have on this week's Chosen and Cherished podcast. 🙏*

*Blessings,  
Jonna*

*1 John 5:1-5*

*As I consider the topic of this week, being a Godly wife, I see that the call from 1 Peter 3 for the wife is really a magnification of the call of all believers, married or single, male or female. All of us are called to entrust ourselves to the Lord and all of us are called to hope in Him. Normally, I try to remember that all scriptures for believers should be epitomized in marriage. In 1 Peter 3, I got to see the flip side of that, how the specific call for wives can apply to all believers... Truly, we are all part of the bride of Christ. God wants all of us to have a gentle and quiet spirit. Now, in 1 John, I want to look at how this call to love all people should be epitomized in my marriage.*

*Vs. 1 ~ "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him."*

*Do I truly believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah who came to save me from my sins? Then I am truly born of God... as it says in John 1:13, I am born of Him "not of blood, nor of my own will, nor of manmade rules, but of God." It was His will to save me. Jesus is the way He did that. It is the work of the Holy Spirit now to grow me in my relationship with Him.*

*To believe in the Lord is to love the Lord. True Faith comes from love. The evidence that I truly believe and that I love the Lord WILL be that I love whoever has been born of God...*

*including my husband. This is a big deal. I love better when my faith in the Lord is growing. My first priority is to grow with Jesus and fall deeper in love with Him.*

*I remember when my daughter was about 5 years old, she asked me if I loved Jesus more than I loved her. I thought, "Well, I know the biblical answer is to say I love Jesus more than her, but that seems so harsh to say to a 5 year old. Is that right? Is that what I'm supposed to say?" I mumbled some answer and kind of prayed, "Lord, please don't let me mess her up with my answer." I was very grateful that she asked me again a few days later, because it seems that God gave me a better answer... and I think this is the answer I need to remember for my marriage as well. I said, "I don't know how to answer that, sweet girl, because I love Jesus so much that the more I love Him, the more love He gives me to love you. My heart is full of love for you." That was true, AND it must have satisfied her, because she never asked me again.*

*I pray that my love for the Lord will keep growing because of my faith in Him, and His love in me will spill over into all my relationships, including my marriage.*

*Vs. 2 ~ "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments."*

*So... the evidence of my love for God is that I love other believers. Now I see that the evidence that I love His people is that I love the Lord and obey Him. It's like a constant cycle...*

*Believe in Jesus → Love God → Love His children → Love God → Obey Him → Believe in Jesus*

*So... in connection with 1 Peter 3...*

*Believe in Jesus as I follow His example and entrust myself to the Lord → Love God who judges justly → Let His love fill me so much that I love my husband even if he doesn't treat me with the same perfect love I have from Jesus → As I love others while I entrust myself to the Lord, my love for Him grows more → Because I love and trust Him, I obey Him. I trust that what He calls me to do is actually what's good, and I want to obey Him. God doesn't want me to obey out of fear, but out of love.*

*Vs. 3 ~ "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."*

*To love God IS to obey Him. If I obey Him for any other reason like fear of punishment or trying to get Him to give me something, His commands WILL seem burdensome. But let me remember that none of His commands are burdensome! Really? Submission to my husband isn't burdensome? If I'm truly entrusting myself to the Lord, His command to do so is not burdensome. He gives me the strength to carry out any command He calls me to.*

*Vs. 4 ~ "For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith."*

*Why bring up overcoming the world when talking about love, faith, and obedience? The world teaches that God's commands ARE burdensome. The world is wrong. The world is against God. But by standing with the Lord in faith and obedience, I will grow in His love and find that His commands are actually what I want. The world does not have faith... not genuine faith that leads to genuine love. Without genuine faith there is no victory. Without genuine faith, I will think that the world makes more sense than God does... and I will definitely find submission to my husband to be a huge burden.*

*Vs. 5 ~ "Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?"*

*Do I understand that I need to overcome the world? The world stands against God and the world will lose. I can't be for God and for the world at the same time. The ruler of this world is the devil himself. God has made me an overcomer through my faith in Him... which grows my love for Him and for others... and it gives me a deeper understanding of the goodness of obeying His commands. The more I trust Him, the more I love Him. The more I love Him, the more I obey Him. The more I obey Him, the more I learn that the philosophy of the world is not loving or good. The more I understand the beauty of obedience to God, the more I overcome the lies.*

*O Lord, I trust You. I love You. I pray that the evidence of my love for You will be found in how I show love to my husband and others. I pray that my obedience to You will be so complete that I overcome the philosophies of the world that want to steal my faith. Please help me to recognize the difference between Your desires and the world's, and help me to want what You want above all else. Your commands are not meant to overwhelm me but to bring me joy. I believe You.*