

Title: **A "Strange" Marriage**
Text: **1 Peter 3:1-7**
Date: **August 3, 2025**

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Big Idea

We are called to be holy, set apart for God—to be different from the world—in our marriages for our good, growth, and God's glory!

1. The "Strange" W_____ (vv.1-6)

(cf. Ephesians 5:22-24; Titus 2:3-5)

- S_____ as a w_____ to her u_____ husband through her c_____ v.1-2)
(cf. 1 Peter 2:13, 18; 2:7-8)

- F_____ on her i_____ beauty -- not e_____ (vv.3-4)
(cf. Proverbs 31:30, 11:22; Matthew 11:29)

- F_____ and h_____ in the L_____ (vv.5-6)
(cf. 1 Peter 2:17-18, 1:13, 17; Genesis 18:9-12)

2. The "Strange" H_____ (v.7)

(cf. Ephesians 5:25-33; Titus 2:1-2, 6-8)

- U_____ and k_____ his wife (v.7a)
(cf. Colossians 3:19, Matthew 19:6)

- H_____ and r_____ his wife (v.7b)
(cf. 1 Peter 2:17; Ephesians 5:28; Ecclesiastes 9:9; Hebrews 13:4)

- A_____ his wife is d_____ but e_____ (v.7c)
(cf. Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 5:21)

Recommended Resources:

1. Marriage: 6 Gospel Commitments Every Couple Needs to Make (former title: What Did You Expect? Redeeming the Realities of Marriage) by Paul David Tripp
2. A Seasoned Marriage: Living the Gospel in the Middle Years and Beyond by Larry McCall
3. This Momentary Marriage by John Piper



Reflection Questions

- In what ways does Scripture challenge what our culture says on how husbands and wives are to act and relate to one another? How does God's Word challenge or encourage you as you think about marriage (whether personally or generally)?
- What is most difficult (to accept, to live out) from these verses? Why? How does the gospel encourage and empower you to follow Him in this area?
- Who are some married couples that are good (yet imperfect) examples of a "strange" marriage for you? Do you have any older couples as mentors? Are there any younger couples you could mentor?
- **Parent Corner:** What is your child's understanding of what Scripture says about marriage? How are you discipling and preparing them for marriage, Lord willing, in the future?

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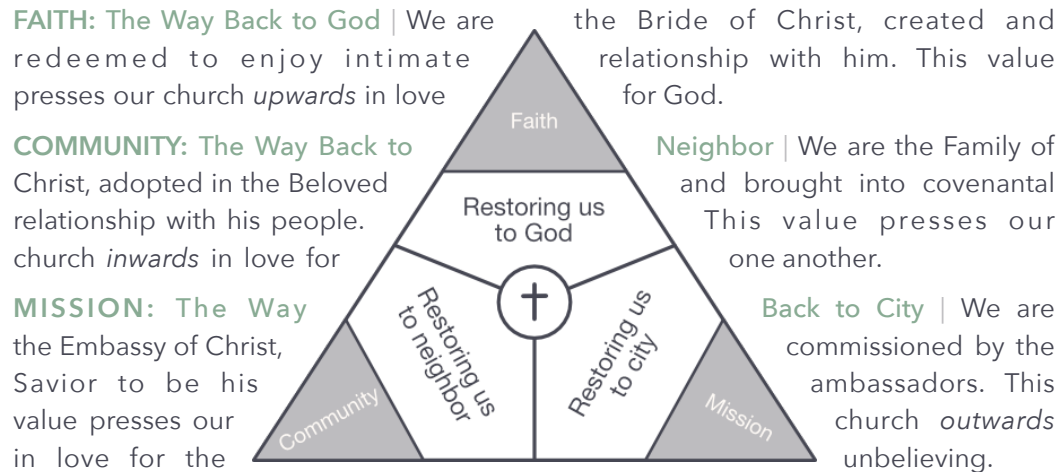


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Announcement Spotlight

PLEASE NOTE: Location Change for Next Sunday's Service (8/10): Henry T. Gunderson High School!

So sorry for the late notice, but the school only recently let us know that they will be spraying for pests in preparation for the upcoming school year and we will, unfortunately, not be able to meet in or outside our usual location on Sunday, August 10th.

Thankfully, the school district has supplied us with an alternate meeting location that is just down the street: **Henry T. Gunderson High School (622 Gaundabert Ln, San Jose, CA 95136).**

We will be meeting in the school's theater located just steps away from the main parking lot off of Chynoweth Ave. We will have plenty of signs and people out directing the way (you can find a clickable link for driving directions on our church calendar).

Also, parents, please note that we will not be able to roll forward with our usual kids ministry programming. Instead, all kids will need to accompany you in the theater for the main service. We will provide a few small activities to keep them engaged. Thanks for your understanding!

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