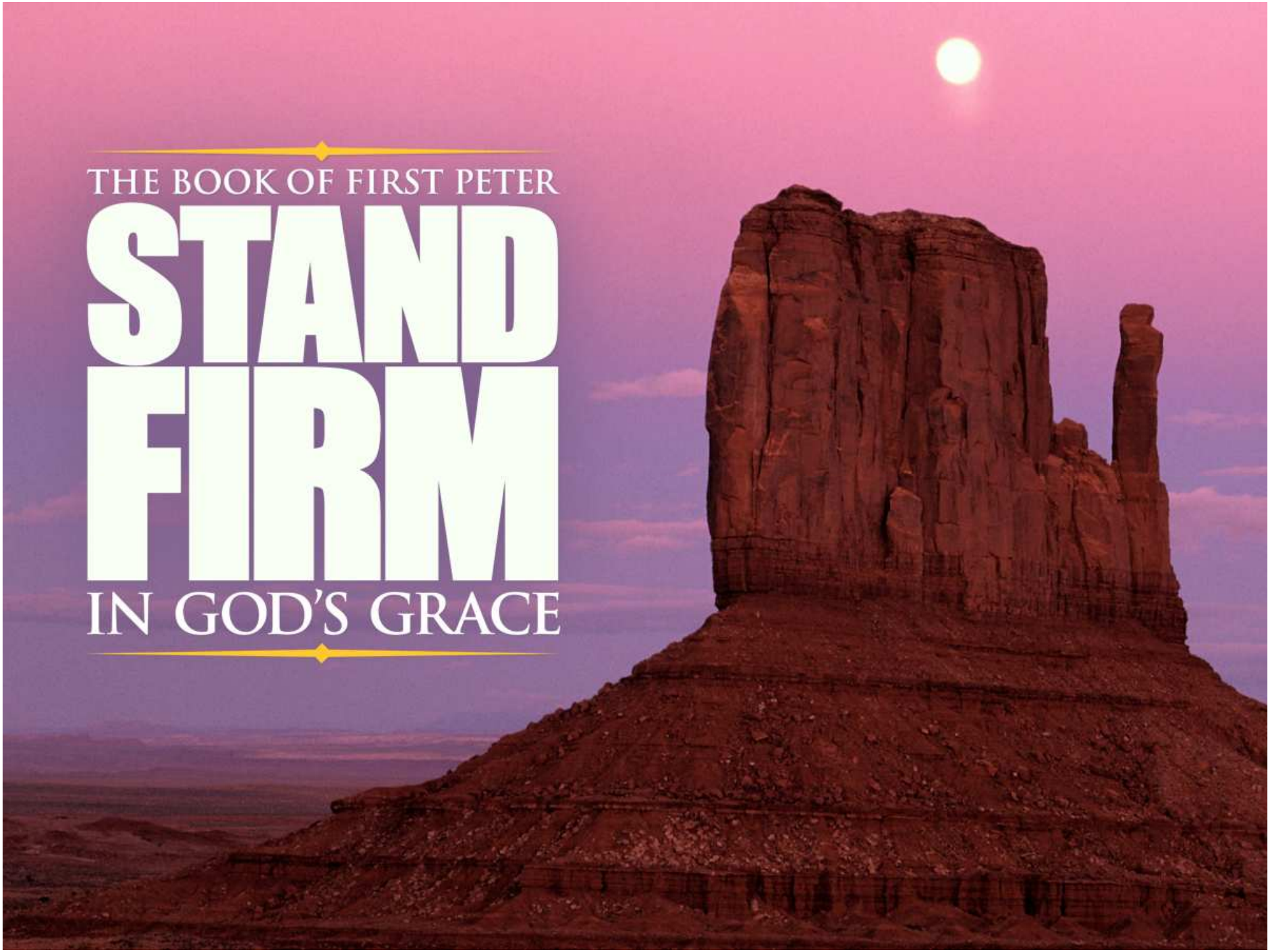
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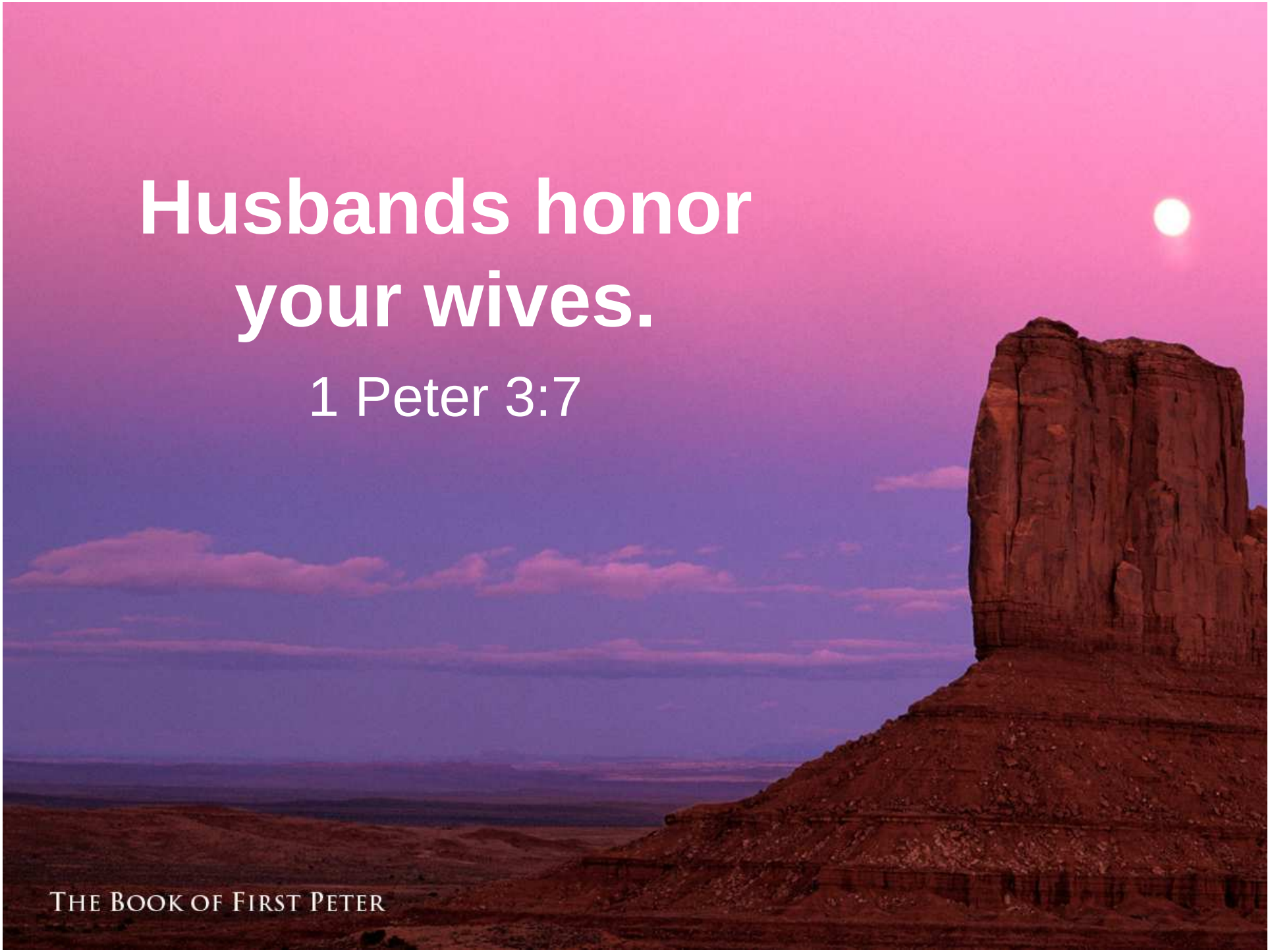
STAND FIRM
IN GOD'S GRACE


Husbands honor your wives.
1 Peter 3:7
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Verse

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World’s Perspective of a Wife



World's Perspective of a Wife

- My wife inspires me to do great things.

World's Perspective of a Wife

- My wife inspires me to do great things.
- Then, she prevents me from achieving them.

World's Perspective of a Wife

- I want to die before my wife, and the reason is this.

World’s Perspective of a Wife

- I want to die before my wife, and the reason is this.
- If it is true that, when you die, your soul goes up to judgment, I don't want my wife up there ahead of me to tell them things.

World's Perspective of a Wife

- I love my wife so much that I don't like to interrupt her.

World's Perspective of a Wife

- I love my wife so much that I don't like to interrupt her.
- I haven't spoken to her in years.

World's Perspective of a Wife

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World's Perspective of a Wife

- Two men were talking; and one said to the other, "For our 10th anniversary, I took my wife to Hawaii."
- "For our 20th, I might go back and get her."

God's Perspective of a Wife

- Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house. (Psalm 128:3)
- An excellent wife is the crown of her husband. (Proverb 12:4)
- He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD. (Proverb 18:22)

God’s Perspective of a Wife

- An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels. (Proverb 31:10)
- The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. (Proverb 31:11)


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- ". . . in the same way . . ." ?
  - – likewise / logical transition
  1. honor 2:17
     - location of transition in 3:7
  2. submissive 2:13, 18; 3:1
     - 3:7 no mention of submissive / Ephesians 5:21
  3. general transition
     - servants / wives / husbands

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Understanding

- Definition—knowledge ?
- Context
  - as a weaker vessel (3:7)
  - as a wife (3:1-6)
  - as a servant (2:18)
  - as a citizen (2:13)

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- Spiritual
- Physical
- Emotional
- Intellectual

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- Spiritual—are women spiritually weaker than men?
  - not gender specific
  - vessel, not spirit

Weaker Vessel

- Spiritual—not applicable
- Physical

Weaker Vessel

- Spiritual—not applicable
- Physical—are women weaker than men?
  - without strength / generally speaking
  - useless, less useful, equal in use
  - harmony of strength and weakness
    - Eggs: crate and carton
    - Football: pulling guard and running back

Egg Illustration





Football Illustration





Weaker Vessel

- Spiritual—not applicable
- Physical—supported
- Emotional

Weaker Vessel

- Spiritual—not applicable
- Physical—supported
- Emotional—are women more emotional than men?
  - Some say, “Yes!” / 3:7 linked as support
  - Emotional Intelligence
    - low = emotional
    - self-control, not strength

Weaker Vessel

- Spiritual—not applicable
- Physical—supported
- Emotional—not supported
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Weaker Vessel

- Spiritual—not applicable
- Physical—supported
- Emotional—not supported
- Intellectual—are women intellectually weaker than men?
  - not gender specific
  - not strength dependent

Weaker Vessel

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  - Intentions
  - words

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- Honor—bestow value or esteem of the highest degree
  - communication: intentions, words
  - attention: work, fellowship, ministry, hobbies
  - chivalry: first place and protective
  - relationships: family, friends
  - co-labor: military style, work style, coach style

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Prayer Hindrance

- Compare: 1 Peter 2:20-23 and 3:4-6
  - Maintain absolute honesty.
  - Keep lines of communication open.
  - Overlook minor faults and idiosyncrasies.
  - Strive for unity in finances.
  - Remember that love is a commandment.

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