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Godly Wives Save Lives

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:1-7

1. Learn to trust **God**;

learn to **love others**. (1 Corinthians 7:17)

2. **God alone** defines your life.

3. You are **equal partners** in God's eyes.

HOMEGROUP & PERSONAL STUDY QUESTIONS

Teaching Text: 1 Peter 3:1-7

1. In this week's teaching text and in last week's teaching text (1 Peter 2:11-25), Peter makes a strong emphasis on the respect of those persons in positions of authority. What do you think is the ultimate reasoning for this? How does this make you feel?
2. Can you describe what "godly lives speaking without words" means? Please provide an example of what it looks like from your personal life?
3. Peter provides an illustration of what godly submission looks like from the perspective Sarah, a woman living in a culture very different than today. Do you think the example Peter shares is a valid expression to be modeled today? Please provide an explanation for your answer.
4. Learning to love others as God loves them. She quoted 1 Corinthians 7:17, "Don't be wishing you were someplace else or with someone else. Where you are is God's place for you. Live, obey, and love right where you are" (MSG). Do you agree with Paul's instruction? Please share your thoughts.
5. While Peter begins this teaching with "*Wives, submit to the authority of your Husbands*" (verse 1), he concludes with reminding husbands that their wives are "equal partners" in the gift of God's grace (verse 7). Do you find this a contradictory thought? Please share how you would interpret these teachings. (Compare these teachings with Ephesians 5:21-33 and Galatians 3:26-29).
6. Verse 7 ends with a dire warning, "*Treat your wife as you should, a gracious gift from God, so your prayers will not be hindered.*" Why do you think this warning is so stern? Do you believe your prayers to God can be "unheard" if your treatment of people is unfair? Please explain your thoughts.