

# STANDING FIRM

## 1 Peter 3:1-7

<sup>3</sup> Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— <sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.

And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

<sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1) Write down 10 observations and 5 questions about the passage.

2) What are the main verbs and the main subjects of the passage?

3) "Likewise" – What theme has Peter been talking about in the previous passage which he continues into this one?

### **How to Study the Bible**

1. Pray
2. Read the passage multiple times
3. Identify key verbs, nouns, and repeated words or phrases
4. Write down questions
5. Check context, cross-references
6. Check commentaries
7. Ask "Why does this matter?"

- 4) Why should a wife still be submissive to her husband if he is an unbeliever according to verses 1-2?
- 5) What does this tell you about the significance of your conduct around unbelievers? (Explain in a few sentences)
- 6) Look up the definition of "adorn" in the dictionary and write it below. Now read verses 3-4 again with this definition in mind.
- 7) What is the ultimate goal of a woman according to verses 3-4?
- 8) Ladies: Are you more focused on developing inward qualities of "imperishable beauty" or pursuing outward appearance which never lasts? Guys: What will you look for in a wife when you start dating? Will you be more concerned with preferences on outward appearance or the inner quality which "in God's sight is very precious?" Both Guys and Ladies: Spend several minutes evaluating your desires and the reasons behind them. Write down your thoughts.
- 9) How did holy women used to make themselves more beautiful?
- 10) Read Ephesians 5:25-28. What are the two comparisons which husbands are supposed to love their wives like?
- 11) What is the judgment for husbands if they do not honor their wives in an understanding way? What is the significance of this?
- 12) What are some ways **you need to** apply this passage?