OUTLINE 11/09/25 Resilient Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-12

Marriages grow stronger when we follow God's instructions.

1. Wives, seek godly beauty.

- ¹ Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, ² when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.
- ³ Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. ⁴ Instead, it should be that of <u>your inner self</u>, <u>the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit</u>, <u>which is of great worth in God's sight</u>.
- ⁵ For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to <u>make themselves beautiful</u>. They were submissive to their own husbands, ⁶ like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. 1 Peter 3:1-5 (NIV)

2. Husbands, live with understanding.

- ⁷ Husbands, in the same way <u>be considerate</u> as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, <u>so that nothing will hinder your prayers</u>.

 1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)
- ⁷ In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. <u>Treat your wife with **understanding**</u> as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your <u>equal partner in God's gift of new life</u>. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)

3. All, Live in harmony and love.

- ⁸ Finally, all of you, <u>live in harmony</u> with one another; be sympathetic, <u>love</u> as brothers, be compassionate and humble. ⁹ Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰ For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech.
- ¹¹ He must turn from evil and do good; he must <u>seek peace and pursue it</u>. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." 1 Peter 3: 8-12 (NIV)

How to Receive Christ:

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. What is to characterize a wife's true beauty?
- 2. How can husbands show understanding to their wives?
- 3. What are some ways to show of love mentioned in verses 8-11?