

Living to Display God's Grace BY GODLY SUBMISSION IN MARRIAGE (PART 3)

1 Peter 3:1-7



1 Peter: Holy Living in a Hostile Land

“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Peter gives us **three practical ways** to show our wives the love and honor of Jesus as we submit to His will for their well-being in our life with them.

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Live with your wife in ways which are **informed and designed** by her Creator for her good and God's glory. Allow **God's will** to define how you husband your wife—how you live with her day-to-day as your **most intimate partner** in life and for life.

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Here is the **main emphasis** of this *knowing* that you are to apply with her: Husbands, you are to relate to your wife from your own awareness of God—from your own reverence for the Lord, from your own **walk with God** by what you **know** of God and His will for you in Christ Jesus.

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The most **critical knowledge** you hold about **faithfully dwelling** with your wife comes from your own relationship with the Lord, and from your own understanding and application of God's will **revealed to you in Scripture.**

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You serve and cherish her by taking God's transforming work in your heart and applying it to hers.

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"For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are but dust."

(Psalm 103:14)

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This **weakness** is not an **inferiority** to us as a **lesser** person.

We know that Scripture teaches spiritual **equality** and **value** between men and women in God's sight (Galatians 3:26-29).

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The **companionship** of gracious womanhood is the most beautiful, most powerful, most honoring blessing to godly manhood on earth, and **redeemed men** are gifted by God's grace to most enjoy that blessing.

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This is the best way for you to keep your **authority in check** as a husband. Your love for Christ flows into love for her, which follows in your honor for her.

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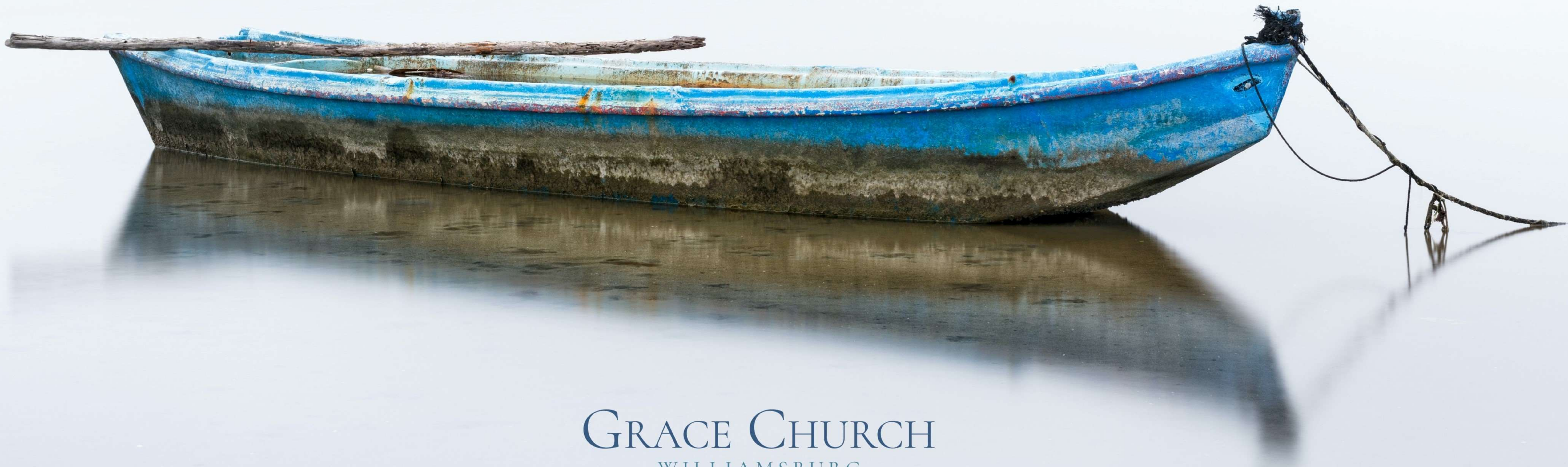
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The grace of life is **friends** forever sharing in Christ Jesus now and forever—that is due to God's undeserved favor on our lives.

II. The Warning of God for Husbands

“...so that your prayers will not be hindered.”

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