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Remaining Focused under Pressure
A Study of 1 and 2 Peter.

Week Five
When Grace Comes Home
1 Peter 3:1-7

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When Grace Comes Home

Have you ever wanted someone close to you to change so badly that you kept talking about it? You explained. You reminded. You encouraged. You may have even argued your point. Yet despite everything you said, nothing seemed to change.

That raises an important question:

What do you do when your words are not changing the person—but God still expects your life to reflect Him?

That is part of the situation Peter addresses in 1 Peter 3:1–7. He speaks to wives, including those married to husbands who do not believe or obey the Word, and then directly to husbands about how they are to treat their wives. His emphasis is not simply on what happens between husband and wife, but on what happens within the believer when faith is tested in our closest relationships.

Peter directs our attention to three things: our conduct, our character, and the consideration we give to others.

So as we approach the passage, consider this question:

When the people closest to us look at our lives, what do they see that points them toward Christ?

Study Objectives

1. Understand how godly conduct can become a visible witness of faith, particularly in our closest relationships.
2. Examine the character qualities Peter identifies as valuable to God and how they reflect an inward life transformed by Christ.
3. Demonstrate consideration and honor in relationships by applying Peter's call to understanding, respect, and shared spiritual worth before God.

1 Peter 3:1-7 ESV

Wives and Husbands

3 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, ² when they see your respectful and pure conduct. ³ Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴ 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. ⁵ For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

⁷ 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.

As Peter addresses marriage and relationships in 1 Peter 3:1–7, he moves our attention beyond roles to the evidence of a Christ-centered life.

Throughout the passage, three themes emerge:

1. Conduct—how our faith is demonstrated through our actions;
2. Character—who we are becoming on the inside; and
3. Consideration—how we understand, honor, and value those closest to us.

Together, these three reveal what faith looks like when it comes home.

Table Talk

Marriage Then vs Marriage Now

Scenarios

Marriage — AD 65:

A woman has recently become a follower of Christ, but her husband has not. She lives in a society where her husband holds considerable authority within the household, and she may be expected to follow his religious practices. She wants to remain faithful to Christ without creating unnecessary hostility within her home.

Marriage — 2026:

A married couple lives in a society where both spouses have greater legal and social independence. They make decisions about careers, finances, family responsibilities, and faith while navigating the normal disagreements and pressures of marriage.

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At your table, review and discuss the scenarios above, noting the differences between marriage in the Greco-Roman world and marriage today. Then, focus on your table's assigned question and discuss how it relates to the two scenarios. Be prepared to share your group's key insights and takeaways with the class.

1. What challenges might the first-century Christian wife have faced that a married believer today may not experience in the same way?
2. How might Peter's instruction to let godly conduct become a witness have spoken specifically to someone with limited social power?
3. Why would Peter's command that husbands "show honor" to their wives and recognize them as "heirs...of the grace of life" have been significant in that culture?
4. Although the cultural setting has changed, which principles in verses 1–7 remain important for Christian relationships today?
5. How does knowing the historical setting change—or deepen—the way you understand this passage?

# Closing Activity

## The Heart Check

Complete each statement privately:

- 1.CONDUCT: One area where my actions need to better reflect my faith is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2.CHARACTER: One Christlike quality I need God to develop more deeply in me is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.CONSIDERATION: One person I need to make a greater effort to understand and honor is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.When my words are not getting through, I can allow my \_\_\_\_\_ to become part of my witness.
- 5.Something I may be focusing on outwardly when God wants to work on me inwardly is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6.In my closest relationships, I want people to see more of \_\_\_\_\_ and less of \_\_\_\_\_ in me.
- 7.This week, one practical way I will demonstrate Christ in a close relationship is \_\_\_\_\_.

*If the people closest to you were asked what your relationship with Christ looks like, how would they fill in the blank?*

## Closing Thought

When faith comes home, the people closest to us should be able to see that Christ is at work in us.

# Looking Ahead

## Let Your Faith Show

As we leave this lesson, remember that the strongest evidence of our faith often shows up in the relationships closest to us. Peter challenges us not simply to talk about Christ, but to allow Christ to shape our conduct, character, and consideration of others.

This week, ask yourself:

What would change in my closest relationships if I became more intentional about letting Christ shape how I respond?

Choose one relationship and commit to one intentional action:

Let your conduct speak. Let your character reflect Christ. Let your consideration communicate honor.

## Bible Memory Verse

**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of the darkness into his marvelous light.*

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If tonight was your first MDWK with us, thank you for being here. We don't take lightly that you chose to spend your Wednesday with us. We pray you felt welcomed, encouraged, and strengthened. We'd love to see you again soon, you're always welcome at The Base!