

Imitators of God
3 – Marriage That Works
1 Peter 3:1-7



1. In what ways have we overcomplicated finding solutions to the problems we face in our relationships and other issues in life? How has the culture around us contributed to many of the relationship issues we face as Christians?
2. Read Genesis 2:19-25. What was the key point that Pastor Todd drew from that passage and why is it so essential to us?
3. We heard that the Scriptures teach mutual submission in marriage and other institutions (see 1 Peter 2:13a) with the implication that, “husbands and wives are both to be subject to each other in marriage in different ways.” How is this different than what you may have previously understood about marriage?
4. Concerning wives, what are to be her motivations for living a pure life and prioritizing imperishable beauty? Why is it important for her to live in this way?
5. Concerning husbands, how is he to see his relationship to his wife? Why is this so critical for his own walk with Christ?
6. In 1 Peter 2:21, we read of the rationale for everything Peter has written to this point, namely that Christ has given us an example. What are the obstacles to us truly following Jesus’ example? What can we do, as Pastor Todd suggested, to “not overcomplicate it”?

NOTE from Pastor Todd:

Our Life Groups are the best means of building relationships in our church. That is especially true given the size of our church and the two services. We need to connect at a smaller level to have meaningful relationships that can fulfill what we’re talking about in this series. Biblical soul care starts in groups. If we deal with issues at the grassroots level, counselling may not ever be necessary.

Obviously, you’re in a group, but you can play a role in building and expanding our Life Groups. Some of you know people you could invite to your group, and some of you should be Life Group leaders. Some groups could multiply by becoming two groups, inviting more people in.

This series can be a catalyst for this to expand the impact of biblical soul care (discipleship) for everyone at Harvest.

Be sure to connect with Pastor Patrice if you feel the Spirit moving you in this way. And please pray that God works in our church to knit us together in this way.

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Text: 1 Peter 2:13, 21; 3:1-7

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If I am to imitate God in my marriage, I will be subject to my spouse... (1 Peter 2:13)

Genesis 2:22-25

be subject Gr: ὑποτάσσω (hypotasso) – prefix hupo – to place oneself under; tasso – to be appointed to a certain position or place; lit. to place under the authority of another; voluntarily yielding in love

Wives, to your husbands... (1 Peter 3:1-6)

...to win them to Christ

...with respect and purity

...prioritizing imperishable beauty

Husbands, to your wives... (1 Peter 3:7)

...by understanding them

...with honour and protection

...sharing in God's grace with them

...because this is what Christ did for me! (1 Peter 2:21)