- e. Am I
- 9. What effects do these have on our willingness to submit?
 - a. Love
 - b. Power
- 10. The message did not take time to look at verses 8-12. Take time to discuss these verses and answer this question; How do these verses relate to 1-7?
- 11. Was there a key point from the message that you would like to discuss, or expand upon?

Personal Reflection

- 1. How has your experience with those in authority affected the way you respond to the topic of submission?
- 2. What changes, personally or for the sake of your marriage, do you need to make?

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1 Peter 3:1-12

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This Week's Message

Last week we looked at Peter's description of what holiness looks like at ground level. In a surprising way, Peter enlisted the topics of submission and suffering to make his case for holy living; two of the most difficult areas, even for Believers.

In this message, Peter continues his teaching on holiness, but this time examines how it relates to the most intimate of relationships: marriage! This is one of the more difficult passages in light of our current cultural climate, but if we take time to honestly reflect on its truth, it may just hold the key to improving our marriages!

Study - Based on 1 Peter 3:1-12

- 1. Begin by talking about last week's study and the greatest tension you experienced from what you learned?
- 2. What institution is the most volatile battlefield when it comes to the topic of submission? Why?
- 3. From verses 1-2, what can we learn about a woman's influence when it comes to spiritual matters?

- 4. In verses 3-6, Peter writes that inner beauty, not outer beauty, should be the primary focus. Is Peter saying that no woman should care about their appearance, or is there something far more meaningful here?
- 5. In verse 7, Peter gives instructions to husbands. How are they similar to the wives, and how are they different? Also, what motivation does he give for men to give honor to their wives?
- 6. How critical is an understanding of Christ likeness in building a good marriage?
- 7. In the message, what was stated as the default answer for any Believer asking the question; "Should I submit?"
- 8. What are the 5 submission relationship filters? Discuss each.
 - a. Am I ______?
 b. Am I _____?
 c. Am I _____?
 d. Am I _____?