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IN A HOSTILE WORLD

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[WEEK EIGHT]

HUSBANDS & WIVES

HOPE AS EXILES

1 Peter 3:1–7

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Marriage Designed by God

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27

²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:24–25



Marriage Influenced by Sin

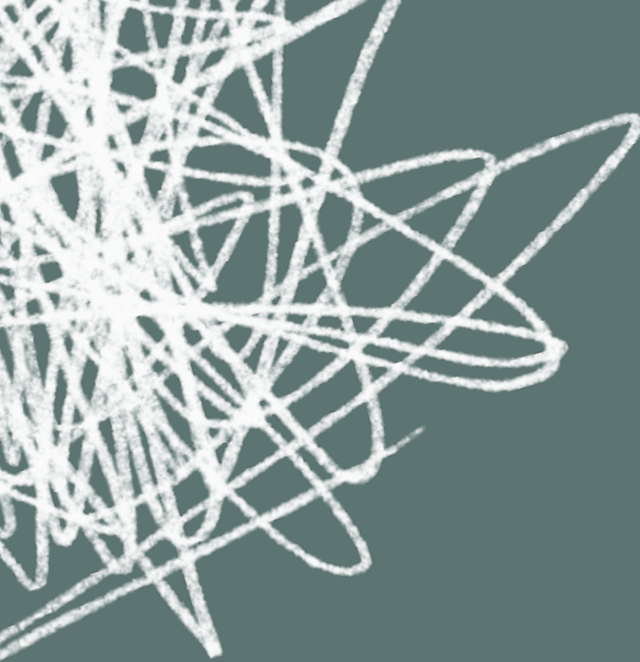
¹⁶ Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you.

Genesis 3:16

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

Genesis 4:7





Within this Christian vision of marriage, here's what it means to fall in love. It is to look at another person and get a glimpse of what God is creating, and to say, "I see who God is making you, and it excites me! I want to be part of that. I want to partner with you and God in the journey you are taking to his throne. And when we get there, I will look at your magnificence and say, 'I always knew you could be like this. I got glimpses of it on earth, but now look at you!'"

TIM KELLER



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