

TEXT: 1 Peter 3:1-9

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sign up if you need childcare for the all Life Group Gathering coming up on August 3rd. Follow the link [here](#)
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BIG IDEA: Christian marriage is marked by intentionality

Ice Breaker: What is love? How does the culture view love? How do Christians view love?

What is the context of 1 Peter 3:1-9?

1 Peter 3:1- 4

- € How do you interpret the first four verses based on the context of the passage?
- € What is at the heart of what Peter is saying in verse 3?
- € How do you do in living out the qualities listed in verse 4?

1 Peter 3:5-6

- € What can we learn from Sarah's life and her relationship with Abraham?
- € How can you apply what Peter says about Sarah?
- € What are areas you struggle in?
- € Why do you struggle in those areas?
- € How can Ephesians 5 help us understand the meaning of this passage?

1 Peter 3:7-9

- How do you pursue intimacy in marriage?
- In what ways can you grow in intimacy in your marriage?
- Where are areas you fall short in marriage?
- How has marriage been distorted?
- How can we flourish in marriage despite it being affected by the fall?

Quotes

Young husbands should say to their wives: I have taken you in my arms, and I love you, and I prefer you to my life itself. For the present life is nothing, and my most ardent dream is to spend it with you in such a way that we may be assured of not being separated in the life reserved for us. I place your love above all things, and nothing would be more bitter or painful to me than to be of a different mind than you. - John Chrysostom

In any relationship, there will be frightening spells in which your feelings of love dry up. And when that happens you must remember that the essence of marriage is that it is a covenant, a commitment, a promise of future love. So what do you do? You do the acts of love, despite your lack of feeling. You may not feel tender, sympathetic, and eager to please, but in your actions you must BE tender, understanding, forgiving and helpful. And, if you do that, as time goes on you will not only get through the dry spells, but they will become less frequent and deep, and you will become more constant in your feelings. This is what can happen if you decide to love....Our culture says that feelings of love are

the basis for actions of love. And of course that can be true. But it is truer to say that actions of love can lead consistently to feelings of love.”— Timothy Keller

