

*“When I have learned to love God better than my earthly dearest,  
I shall love my earthly dearest better than I do now.” —C. S. Lewis*

## WELCOME

As we continue on our study of confident faith in 1 Peter, we read that Peter applies the Christian faith to Christian marriages. As you gather this week, discuss one or both of these questions:

- Describe a marriage that you admire. What is one thing that couple does right?
- Think of a time somebody influenced you for the better: to a good habit or positive action. What was it about that person that made you want to listen to them?

## WORD

Read **1 Peter 3:1-12**

1. What stood out to you in the scripture? In the sermon this past Sunday?
2. Given the place of wives in the household in New Testament times, how might those wives who decided to **follow** Jesus have felt if they had a husband who still worshipped pagan gods? What might they have been tempted to do?
3. What actions and attitudes did Peter encourage wives to embrace as a way to follow the example of Jesus? What about Christian husbands? What do you think about these actions and attitudes? What is the purpose?
4. How do the virtues that Peter encourages in 3:8-12 foster good relationships?
5. How does having confidence in the gospel and in their Christian identity (1 Peter 1 and 2) build confidence when a person is in a position of relational weakness?
6. Is there a particular relationship that is difficult right now? How does this passage help you think or pray about it?

## WORSHIP

1. Share one ‘virtue’ as you go to prayer that you would like to grow in so your relationships will be strengthened.
2. Thank God for each other and God’s grace in Jesus Christ
3. Pray for each other for their needs and those virtues they would like to develop.
4. Pray for the larger needs around you and the ways God is working around the world.

## WITNESS

In what ways does Peter’s invitation to live like Christ in your relationships challenge or encourage you? What are some take away’s to practice during this next week?

**SERMON NOTES:**