## The Priority and Purpose of Marriage

1 Peter 3:1-7

"The most important thing about you is how God thinks of you." - C.S. Lewis

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Marriage is designed to demonstrate the <u>goodness</u> and <u>grace</u> of God through the relationship between husband and wife.

- 1. Marriage is defined by <u>Jesus</u>' relationship to the church
- 2. Your relationship with your spouse impacts your relationship with the Lord
- 3. God's saving purpose and your personal holiness are <u>practiced</u> in your relationship with your spouse.
- 4. Holiness is the most attractive quality in your spouse.

Marriage is so important to God that he makes your home the <u>resume</u> for leadership in the church.

Closing Thoughts and Applications:

- 1. Singles: Look for a man or woman who is pursuing holiness.
- 2. Christians need to re-prioritize the call to be equally yoked with believers.
- 3. Married: Be holy for the sake of God and the good of your spouse.
- 4. <u>Jesus</u> loves you, and He is with you in <u>everything</u> you go through.

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