

WE STAND FIRM

A STUDY OF 1 PETER

Household Relationships

1 Peter 3:1-7 | September 20, 2026

1 Peter 1:1 "Exiles" who are in this world, but not of this world

- **Historical Context** = Exiles of Rome here are your encouragements and instructions
- **Foreknowledge** is God's omniscience to foreknow those who will "accept" his grace.
- **Predestined** is "plural" in Scripture and refers to a collective group of receiving hearts.
- **Biblical Context** = Peter's encouragement to the Christian exiles on how to live.

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- **Situational Context** = Christian women who may be married to non-believing husband.
- **Practical Context** = Wives **Support** and Husbands be **Considerate**
- The Heart of the matter is always the Heart in the matter. It's all about our Heart!

NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

First Step: October 4 at 9:00 AM

Fall Fest: October 11 at 4:00 PM

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STUDY QUESTIONS

GETTING STARTED:

When you hear the phrase "live in this world, but not of this world," what comes to mind?

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- » Peter describes believers as 'exiles' who are in the world but not of it – in what practical ways does your daily life reflect a citizenship in God's kingdom rather than the kingdom of this world?
- » Peter writes that the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit is central to the Christian life, suggesting it is less about what we have done and more about what we have allowed God to do in and through us. Where in your life might you be resisting that sanctifying work?
- » The divorce rate among Christians mirrors that of non-Christians. What does it say about the state of the church when biblical instruction on marriage produces no measurable difference in outcomes?
- » Jay reframed 'submission' as 'support,' arguing that wives are called to support their husbands because husbands genuinely need it. How does reframing submission in this way change or challenge your understanding of what it means to honor your spouse?
- » Peter points to Sarah as an example of a woman who submitted to her husband and put her hope in God, connecting inner character to outward conduct. What does it look like in a modern marriage to have that same kind of hope-rooted, God-directed inner life?
- » The passage in 1 Peter 3:7 warns that a husband's failure to treat his wife with consideration and respect will hinder his prayers. What does it reveal about God's design for marriage that the spiritual life of a husband is directly connected to how he treats his wife?
- » Being kind, supportive, and considerate outrank being heard, right, or in power. How does this upside-down value system challenge the way power and authority are typically exercised in marriages and families today?
- » What spiritual disciplines or habits might help a married couple keep their hearts oriented toward one another and toward God?

NEXT STEPS:

Take a few minutes to reflect honestly:

1. Where do I need to live more like an exile—faithful to God's Kingdom rather than the world's values?
2. Am I more focused on being right, being heard, or being in control than on being humble, supportive, and considerate?
3. How is my heart affecting my closest relationships?
4. What is one way I can better honor someone close to me this week?