

STRANGERS & EXILES



CHRIST'S PEOPLE IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

Exiled Wives– 1 Peter 3:1-6

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“In the church, she appears to be single” - Sarah Flashing

Few groups in a church community are overlooked like those married to unbelieving husbands.

Not to God.

In this message, we listen in as he addresses them directly, encouraging them to believe that their lives can be so compelling that even if their husbands do not obey the word, they may be won without a word when they see their respectful and pure conduct.

For personal reflection/community discussion

Read – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

Examine – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

Apply - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What struck you most about the message?
- How did you feel about the words 'be subject' prior to hearing this message? Has this changed? In what way?
- Although these words are written firstly to the wives of unbelieving husbands, what principles might others draw from them?
- In chapter 2: 21-25, Peter describes the example of Jesus as he subjected himself to the world he made. How do these verses illuminate our understanding of 'a gentle and quiet spirit' (3: 4).
- Consider those you know in this situation. What do you know about their lives? Are they in faith for what God can do (v.1) or in fear of the long slog ahead (v.6). Spend some time praying for them. How might this passage inform the way you pray for others too? (Husbands/singles)