Series: Living Hope
Passage: 1 Peter 3:1-7
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1 Peter 3:1-7 (ESV)

Wives and Husbands

3 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be
won without a word by the conduct of their wives, **2** when they see your respectful and pure conduct. **3** Do not
let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you
wear— **4** but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and
quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. **5** For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to
adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, **6** as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you
are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.
7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the
weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

1. Why do you think we see several passages in the New Testament giving instruction to husbands and wives?

2. Consider what Peter advocates here for wives and husbands. How does it depart from the views of dominant culture of the time and culture of today?

3. Revisit 1 Peter 2:21-25, how are we to view the submission of a wife in light of Christ's suffering and submission on the cross?

4. What are the spiritual priorities Peter highlights for wives and for husbands?

5. How are Abraham and Sarah far from perfect people, but hopeful examples that God can make a good marriage and family from two dysfunctional people?

6. What does Peter mean when he refers to women as the “weaker vessel” (verse 7)?

7. How does this scripture point to the <u>living</u> <u>hope</u> of Jesus?