

# **1<sup>st</sup> Peter**


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# Marriage

- **Gen 2:24** This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. (because man was not complete without a suitable help meet)
  - Think in terms of a mirror opposite, yet necessary part of the man, sort of person.
  - **Eph 5:31** As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” **32 This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.**
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- **We see in Eph 5 that marriage between a man and a woman is this mysterious picture of the relationship Jesus Christ seeks with His body, the Church.**
  - **Just as a husband and wife are joined into one flesh through marriage, so Christ and His Bride are joined into one body in salvation.**
  - **Husbands and wives are to procreate – so are Christ and His Bride interested in producing offspring.**
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- **Marriage, wherein we have the headship of the husband, is an everyday illustration of the headship Christ has to His body, the Church.**
  - **Gen 2:24 was prior to the fall so one might conclude that the headship of the husband was not made necessary due to the fall.**
  - **If anything, the fall did damage to God's design for roles in a marriage.**
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- **This metaphor of human marriage being that of Christ and His Church is under attack now, and has been for years.**
  - **The liberal feminist movements that have sought to eradicate the differences in roles between men and women is an attack on marriage.**
  - **The current 'gay marriage' push is an attack on marriage as God designed it, and at it's core is an attack on God.**
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# Marriage

- **Eph 5:25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her 26 to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. 27 He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. 28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. 29 No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. 30 And we are members of his body.**
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# Husbands

- **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:1** *In the same way*, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands.
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3:7** *In the same way*, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.
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# Husbands

- **If there is one teaching that is clear from the Ephesians 5, and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 3 texts on marriage, it is that the role of the husband is one of sacrificial love.**
  - **His role is far more about giving than it is about getting.**
  - **In our relationship to Jesus, who is the greater lover and giver?**
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# Husbands

- **Who is the initiator of love in the relationship between Christ and His church?**
  - **Who is the one, in the relationship between Christ and his Church, who surrenders His life for the other?**
  - **Who is called to love and care for the other as though the other were his own body?**
  - **Whose prayers are in jeopardy if he fails to honor his wife?**
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# Husbands

- **1<sup>st</sup> Peter 2:21** For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. **22** He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. **23** He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. **24** He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. **25** Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.
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# Husbands

- In the same way that Christ chose to do good even at the cost of his life, we, as husbands and wives are to chose to do the right thing.
  - For the wife, part of choosing to do the right thing means accepting her post as ‘helper’ to her husband.
  - For the man, it means choosing to do the right thing in terms of sacrificing for his wife and family.
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# Husbands

- **The husband is called to ‘honor’ his wife – the meaning of the original word used here speaks of valuing, esteeming highly, and counting as precious.**
  - **We have the chance to honor our wives when seek to credit them for their contributions to the family and the marriage.**
  - **We honor our wives when we let others know how much we love and respect them.**
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# Husbands

- **Isaiah 29:13 And the Lord says, ““These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”**
  - **Could it be that honoring others begins in the heart?**
  - **Perhaps said another way, “talk is cheap”. (think Bill & Hillary Clinton)**
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# Husbands

- **And husbands are called to treat their wives with understanding.**
  - **Among other things this means that a husband should lead with an appreciation of the wife's position as his helper and completer.**
  - **He should not lord it over her that he is the leader – he should seek to see the marriage from her point of view as well as his own.**
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# Husbands

- The husband is called to understand that his wife is physically weaker and as such may not be able to carry the same load as he does.
  - A husband needs to know his wife's limits and then seek to lighten her burden accordingly.
  - The burden may be physical, emotional, or spiritual – if one of the two must be uncomfortable, let it be the husband. \*\*\*\*
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# Husbands

- **Overview:**
    - **Provider**
    - **Protector**
    - **Preacher**
    - **Cherisher**
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# Questions

