

“Silent Sermons - Selfless Husbands”
1 Peter 3:1-7
5/1/22
Message 6

Introduction

- Title of the Message is: “Silent Sermons - Selfless Husbands”

• **Review**

- **Context – Persecution**

- Following Christ in a Hostile World
- Persecution Beginning to hit the Church
- Nero – A mad man to say the least

- **Peter Wanted to Encourage them & US**

- **1 Peter 1:1-12 - We Have Living Hope**
 - Never forget who you are in Christ!
- **1 Peter 1:13-25 - An Appeal To Holiness**
 - Because you do belong To Jesus – Live a Holy Life
- **1 Peter 2:1-12 – Christian Conduct**
 - Examples on how to live that holy life
 - People are watching
- **1 Peter 2:13-17 - Submitting to Government**
 - This Began a section in 1 Peter ALL about SUBMISSION to Authority

- SUBMISSION

- To Government
- To Masters – Employers
- To the Family Structure

- We Noted 3 Things

- 1st The Word Submit –

- The Greek Word - Hupotasso –
- Means –

- *To arrange under, to subordinate; to subject, put in subjection; to subject one's self, obey; to submit to one's control; to yield to one's admonition or advice; to obey, be subject; A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".*

- 2nd God Made the Authority Structure

- He Made Marriage
- He Made Governments
- We MUST Honor it!!!
- Think of the word Submit as

- SUB - Mission For God
- 3rd Our Witness
 - Remember the Instructions Peter gave us in 1 Peter 2:12

1 Peter 2:12 (NKJV)

12 *having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.*

- **SO we should be the BEST CITIZENS**
 - We're to SUBMIT to the Government
 - So long as they don't ask us to violate God's Word
- **Last Week - 1 Peter 2:18-25 – Best Employees**
 - We're to be the BEST Employees
 - Be a BLESSING to our Boss' not a BURDEN
 - Remembering The Example Of Christ vs. 21-25

• **NOW This Moring it's ALL About Silent Sermons – Selfless Husbands**

- We will look at 2 wonderful ways to do this
 - Silent Sermons vs. 1-6
 - Selfless Husbands v. 7

Silent Sermons vs. 1-6

• **First: Context**

- **1st Christian Married women have questions**
 - A Lot of women in this culture were getting saved

- Sadly, their husbands were NOT getting saved It was not uncommon for married woman in this culture to get saved and have

1 Peter 3:1 (NKJV)

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- The Questions
 - What to do with a NON-Believing husband?
 - Should I leave my husband?
 - Should I change my behavior towards him?
 - Should I assume a superior position to him because now I am in Jesus?

- These Christian women needed instructions!

• Second: God Lays Out 7 Ways To Win Your Husband vs. 1-6

- 1st Her Goal v. 1

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- The Goal is to WIN your Husband to the Lord
 - Not to leave him – but to win him
- Paul Gave us instructions on this in 1 Cor. 7:13

1 Corinthians 7:13 (NKJV)

13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.

- BUT NOW HOW DO you Win him over to Christ?

- **2nd Her Submission v. 1a**

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- **1st Likewise = Submit Just LIKE JESUS**

- Submit to Government (2:13–17)
- Submit in the Workplace (2:18–25)
- Submit Like Jesus (2:21-25)
- **Again Means - To place under**

- **2nd Submission is NOT a Popular Subject**

- First let me say I know that these instructions don't FLY with the world today – that believes itself to be SO ADVANCED... haha
 - They see them as...
 - Outdated
 - Barbaric
 - Even offensive!
 - Part of me can understand why...
 - With all the abuses that have taken place over the years!
 - In the 50's women little more than a servant, doormats, etc... Very SAD

- IN the 60's they rightful fought for rights!
- But now today things have become very confused!!!
 - Roles have been messed up
 - Men don't Lead Women don't Follow
 - As far as that concerned,
 - Men think they can be women and women think they can be men...
 - This country is in a mess
- So WE MUST SEEK to understand marriage as God has intended!!!
 - God has Created "Roles"
 - A Role for the Man
 - A Role for the Woman
 - Why?
 - So the marriage can be ALL that God created it to be!
- **3rd What Does the Word Submission Mean?**
 - The Word "Submit"
 - To PLACE Under
 - Submission DOES NOT mean Inferiority
 - Submission DOES NOT mean Silence

- IT MEAN'S:
 - Means to place yourself under someone else!
 - Submission mean's "Sub-Mission."
 - Think of it like this:
 - There is a mission for your marriage
 - That mission is obeying and glorifying God.
 - The wife says, "I'm going to put myself under that MISSION"
- **4th Why Does the Lord Call a Wife to submit?**
 - **1st A Picture of Christ and the church!**

Ephesians 5:32 (NKJV)

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

- When a person comes to Jesus and receives Him as their Lord & Savior they become part of His church.
- The Bible calls His church "the Bride of Christ"
- Marriage is designed to beautifully symbolize the relationship that the Lord would have with His Church
- God wants the marriage relationship to be a picture of Christ and His relationship to the Church
- **When a wife submits she is really submitting to the original role given to her by God**
- An Example of the church submitting to God
- **2nd God's Order**

- When God made Adam and Eve He made them in complete unity. Saw them as one!
- Together they were given dominion over the creation to fill the earth and subdue it.
- There was an EQUALITY between the man & the woman
- But listen it was an was Ordered Equality WHAT MEAN?
 - In the very beginning Man was given headship over his Wife
 - As an OPERATION of authority
 - So the husband was placed in the position to be the head of the family
 - Not because he was
 - Smarter
 - More spiritual
 - Better made
 - But simply because that was God's design
- God's Design
 - The Wife is to place herself under the headship & leadership of the husband allowing Him to lead!

▪ This ONLY APPLIES TO MARRIAGE

- 5th The Problem – Sin in the Garden

- When they sinned the roles got twisted
 - See When Eve- ate the forbidden fruit she was acting independently from Adam & then she tried to lead Adam by getting him to eat...
 - Adam blew it by leaving his wife uncovered and then followed her in sin
 - So there was a perversion of God's plan and the perversion of that plan has been a problem ever since.
- Part of the curse:
 - God said of Eve in her flesh her desire would be to rule over her Husband
 - Not submit to him but run his life
 - The order gets messed up everything can get thrown out of whack!!!
 - There can't be 2 heads! Two heads make a MONSTER!!!
- **6th So Remember Submission is...**
 - **1st As with ALL of God's commandments GOOD**
 - These commands are for our good
 - From an all-wise, loving God (Deut. 6:24; 10:13).
 - God commands are not meant to bum us out they are to PROTECT us
 - Following all of God's commands will lead to a fulfilled life!!! SAFE

- **2nd The church is in no way Degraded by Submitting to Jesus Christ.**
 - To the contrary, it is to the church's glory to submit to Christ.
 - Same with a wife
- **3rd There is JOY in Obedience to God**
 - Being FILLED with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18-20).
 - Walk Worthy (Eph. 4:1)
- **4th Remember man is also under authority as well, Jesus' (Eph. 5:21 & 25)**
 - He will be the one giving an account for what he did in the leading of the family
- **5th Other Example of Submission in Scripture**
 - To the Government:
 - To Employers:
 - To Parents:
 - Children obey Eph. 6:1-3
- **6th A Christian marriage is to be a powerful witness to a selfish world!**
 - When the world looks at Christian Marriage
 - They should see a Christian husband
 - Tenderly and selflessly loving his wife as Christ loved the church.
 - The world should see a Christian wife

- Joyfully submitting to and respecting her husband, always seeking his good.
- THEY SHOULD see A picture of Christ and the Church
 - The difference between this picture and the garbage on TV should cause the world to marvel.
- **7th Jesus Submitted!**
 - Subject to Mary and Joseph as a Kid (Luke 2:51)
 - Submitted to God!!! (Phil 2:5-11)
- **7th When is She to Submit?**

Colossians 3:18 (NKJV)

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

- As is fitting in the Lord - in "AGREEMENT with the LORD!!!"
- You are a Child of GOD first
- Obey Him first your husband second
- **3rd Her Words v. 1b**

1 Peter 3:1 (NKJV)

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- **Silent Sermons**
 - Wives should depend upon their LIVES more than their LIPS

- LIVE OUT THE FAITH In witnessing to unsaved husbands

▪ **Means -**

- Without “Spiritual Lecturing & Nagging”
 - Not preaching to her husband constantly
- NOW I believe there is a place to share your faith and scripture – BUT DO NOT lecture, nag or preach...

▪ **Nagging –**

- Women may not see what they do as nagging –
 - Their goal is to get something done!
 - Want to see something happen
 - It’s a GREAT thing they want!!!
 - They may see it as encouragement – BUT
- But when you PUSH the Subject – ALL MEN HEAR is NAGGING
 - Nagging is a form of dis-respect to a man’s hears
 - The number one thing men to have from their wife is respect
 - If you push the issue – he will just shut you off
 - *Guzik; “There is a sense in which a wife’s efforts to shape her husband through her own words and efforts may hinder the power of God’s working on the husband. It is much more effective to submit in the way God says to, thus demonstrating trust in Him, and to let God have his way with the husband.”*

○ 4th Her Chaste Conduct vs. 1c-2

1 Peter 3:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

▪ **Chaste – Pure, free from moral defilement.**

- The unsaved husband may be impressed by the reverent and chaste conduct of his wife.
- The Spirit of God may use this to convict him of his own sinfulness, and he may come to faith in Christ.

▪ **Illustration**

- George Müller told of a wealthy German whose wife was a devout believer.
- This man was a heavy drinker, spending late nights in the tavern.
- She would send the servants to bed, stay up till he returned, receive him kindly, and never scold him or complain (NAG)
- At times she would even have to undress him and put him to bed.
- One night in the tavern he said to his cronies,
 - “I bet if we go to my house, my wife will be sitting up, waiting for me.
 - She’ll come to the door, give us a royal welcome, and even make supper for us, if I ask her.”

- They were skeptical at first, but decided to go along and see.
 - Sure enough, she came to the door, received them courteously, and willingly agreed to make supper for them without the slightest trace of resentment.
 - After serving them, she went off to her room.
- As soon as she had left,
 - One of the men began to condemn the husband.
 - “What kind of a man are you to treat such a good woman so miserably?”
 - The accuser got up without finishing his supper and left the house.
 - Another did the same and another till they had all departed without eating the meal.
- Within a half hour, the husband became deeply convicted of his wickedness, and especially of his heartless treatment of his wife.
 - He went to his wife’s room, asked her to pray for him, repented of his sins, and surrendered to Christ.
 - From that time on, he became a devoted disciple of the Lord Jesus. Won without a word!

○ **5th Her Fleeting Beauty v. 3**

1 Peter 3:3 (NKJV)

3 *Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—*

- **Do not let your adornment be merely outward:**

- Peter did not forbid all adornment.
- But for the godly woman outward adornment is always in moderation, and **her emphasis is always on inward adornment.**

▪ **So Much attention in our world is what we see on the outside**

- Yes men are visually attracted to women – that is the way they are wired
- Women know that and will spend a lot of effort on the material
 - Arranging the hair
 - Wearing the Gold
 - The super nice clothes
- God's Says women it's okay to look nice on the outside
 - BUT focus on the Inside a whole lot more

▪ **A Word to the MEN –**

- The outside is nice BUT the inner character and beauty is SO MUCH MORE IMPORTANT

○ **6th Her FOREVER Beauty v. 4**

1 Peter 3:4 (NKJV)

4 *rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.*

▪ **1st Rather let it be the hidden person of the heart:**

- Real beauty comes from the hidden person of the heart.

- It isn't something you wear or fuss before a mirror to have.
- **It is something you are.**
- Lessons
 - Gals The real question is
 - "What do you depend on to make yourself beautiful?"
 - In the Word and have a great understanding of the Word – is the MOST beautiful thing you can do
- **2nd The incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit:**
 - The inner beauty of a godly woman is incorruptible.
 - This means that it does not decay or get worse with age.
 - Instead, incorruptible beauty only gets better with age!!!
 - Is therefore of much greater value than the beauty that comes from the hair, jewelry, or clothing.
- **3rd A gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God:**
 - Peter described the character of true beauty –
 - A gentle and quiet spirit.
 - These character traits are not promoted for women by our culture;
 - Yet they are very precious in the sight of God.
- **4th Pastor Jeff's Advice**

- What you win them with – Is what you win the TO!
 - Or “However you catch them; is what you’ll need to keep them.”
- Catch him with your body / hair / clothes
- Or Catch him with the Heart
- The way you dress will attract the type of person you will get
- **7th Her Example vs. 5-6**

1 Peter 3:5–6 (NKJV)

5 *For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,*
6 *as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.*

- **1st In former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves:**
 - This is NOT a new standard;
 - But to something that was practiced by holy women of former times.
- **2nd Who trusted in God:**
 - When women submit to their husbands and when they do not put trust in their outward adornment, they are like the holy women of former times who trusted in God.
 - They powerfully demonstrate their faith.
- **3rd As Sarah obeyed Abraham:**
 - Two things demonstrated Sarah’s submission to Abraham.

- First
 - She obeyed Abraham even when it was difficult and even when he was wrong (as in Genesis 12:10-20).
- Second
 - She honored Abraham by calling him lord.
- **4th If you do good and are not afraid with any terror:**
 - True submission, full of faith in God has no room for fear or terror.
 - It does good and leaves the result to God and not to man.

Selfless Husbands v. 7

Now For the Husband – We will See 4 things

First: Understanding v. 7a

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- **1st Husband, Likewise**
 - Means – Jesus is our example too (1 Peter 2:21-25)
- **2nd Dwell with them**
 - In this culture it was
 - A wife was only for legitimate heirs to pass their estate on to.

- A man kept a mistress or visited the local temple prostitutes who were skilled in the art of sex
- He may not be at home with his wife
- Peter says - A godly husband lives with his wife
- But NOT Dwells –
 - Doesn't merely share a house, but he truly lives with her.
 - He recognizes the great point of Paul's teaching on marriage in Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5:28 (NKJV)

28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

- The godly husband understands the essential unity or oneness God has established between husband and wife.
- **3rd NOT only DWELLS – BUT With Understanding – Knowledge**
 - A godly husband undertakes the important job of understanding his wife.
 - By knowing her well, he is able to demonstrate his love for her far more effectively.
 - Men –
 - Do you study your wife?
 - She Studies you!
 - Meaning She knows what you like and don't like
 - She knows what will make you happy

- She knows little facial expressions
- Listen your wife want us to know them!!!
 - Be Engage with them
 - Listen to them – NOT just their words BUT listen to their hearts

- **Second: Honor v. 7b**

1 Peter 3:7 (NKJV)

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- **1st Giving Honor**
 - A godly husband knows how to make his wife feel honored
 - Honor to the Wife
 - Wife Means
 - The word in the ancient Greek language for the wife is a rare word
 - Meaning more literally “the feminine one.”
 - It suggests that the woman’s feminine nature should prompt the husband to honor her.
 - He takes care that she does not feel like she is an employee or under a tyrant.
- **2nd As to the weaker vessel:**
 - What does this mean?
 - Physically Weaker

- Emotionally Weaker
- Spiritually Weaker = Women was deceived
- You will see answers for all these and more
- In Context
 - In this context weaker speaks of the woman's relative physical weakness in comparison to men
 - In general men are stronger physically
- Feminine Nature is beautiful
 - It should be nurtured cherished
 - LIKE a Precious Vase, Priceless Porcelain, Costly China
 - They are a very delicate vessel.
 - Thus, esteem her as very delicate & handle her carefully.
 - This is a call to gentleness men!
 - Treat them with love and respect
 - WE CAN CRUSH them with our words and attitude – DON'T DO THIS

• **Third: Joint Heirs v. 7c**

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- **1st Heirs together**

- A godly husband realizes that his spouse is not only his wife
 - But also his sister in Jesus.
- Lesson
 - She is the LORD'S Daughter
 - You don't like it when someone hurt your daughter
 - Well Don't hurt the Lord's Daughter

• **Fourth: Prayers v. 7d**

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- **1st That your prayers may not be hindered:**
 - The failure to live as a godly husband has spiritual consequences.
 - It can and it will hinder prayer.

Strong Marriage Relationships

• **First: The Subject of Marriage**

- Peter is saying in light of all that is going on we MUST have Strong Families
- Remember Marriage is the first institution made by God
- SO IT IS CRITICAL we get the right if we want to a BE STRONG witness to the world

• **Second: So How would you rate you marriage? Marriage Poll**

- On A scale from 1 to 10
 - How is your Marriage?
 - All the guys 10
 - All the gals 6.5
- We Need to be a STRONG Witness to the World
- When the World looks at our Marriages do they see something different?

• **Third: Keys to a GREAT Marriage as God Designed it to be**

○ **1st God MUST BE FIRST**

- A Relationship with Him
- Individually
 - What is your relationship Like with God
 - Scale of 1-10?
 - This will give you an idea where your marriage is at as well
- Corporately
 - Must Read the Word together, pray

○ **2nd Follow His Directions for MARRIAGE**

- He is the CREATOR of Marriage
- First Institution God made (Gen. 2: 18-24)
- Even before the He made the Church!

- So if we want marriage to be a 10
- We should seek the way God intended marriage to be
- We need to look to the One who has the BLUEPRINTS = The Word

○ **3rd Remember – It Takes Work**

- **Marriage has a built-in struggle attached to it!!!**
 - It's NOT like the Hallmark movies – “where they live happily ever after”
- WHY?!
 - We must learn to Die to ourselves
 - Live for another person first
 - That it takes Time and Attention!!!
 - *Gary Thomas; “What If God Designed Marriage to Make Us Holy More Than to Make Us Happy?”*
 - It is like a garden -
 - What you Put Into it is what you get = plant tomatoes = Tomatoes
 - Consistent Attention and time – Pulling weeds – Water – etc...

○ **4th Stop Looking to the World**

- Sadly many in the church LOOK to the world for the answers
 - Romance Novels
 - Hallmark movies

- Will Set you UP for a FALL
- Sadly couples Even look to
 - Psychology
 - Worldly Counseling

○ **5th Remember – Your Commitment**

- Marriage is not so much about finding the right person
 - It's MORE ABOUT BEING the right person.
- It Means Choosing...
 - To be loving and caring when you don't feel like it.
 - To stick it out when you don't feel like it
 - To treat each other with affection and kindness that Jesus embraces us with.
- It's not giving 50/50.
 - It's about giving 100% without expecting anything in return.
- Marriage is not about being right
 - It is about giving up your rights.

Closing

- May we GROW more and More in love with God and our spouse everyday

Communion

- First: Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- Second: Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- Third: Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26
- Fourth: Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*

25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes.*