

Pastor David Higa  
Submission in the Home  
1 Peter 3:1-7

*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,... [1 Peter 3:1]*

This is probably not a popular verse to begin with on a Sunday morning, especially for new believers. The wisdom of God is very different from the wisdom of this world. Worldly wisdom says to submit to no one, but Godly wisdom says the opposite; firstly we submit to God, and then to all who are in authority over us. “Therefore submit yourselves *to every ordinance* of man for the Lord’s sake...” [1 Pet 2:13] The NIV translation uses “authority” instead of ordinance; the NASB uses “human institution.” Peter exhorts us to submit to every authority and human institution, in addition to God.

God’s authority has been ordained both inside and outside the church. This morning we are going to look at God’s authority structure within the home. But let us first recognize the word “likewise” in 1 Pet 3:1 [“Wives, **likewise**...”]. This points us to the previous verses that describe Christ as an example. “Wives, likewise,” just as Christ submitted to the will of the Father and yielded to the Cross, so too are wives to submit to their own husbands. As you read the entire passage from 1 Pet 2:18 through 1 Pet 3:1 you cannot deny the connection. Because Jesus submitted [even through the suffering of the Cross] wives “likewise” are to submit to their own husbands, even husbands that are not believers.

Now I know this needs to be explained more because this is difficult teaching, and difficult to put into practice. We read and cannot deny what it says. It is clear, “Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands.” But just how do wives do that, and especially when the husband is not a believer? It certainly is not something that comes natural, and it definitely cannot be done in one’s own strength. No, it can only be done by the grace of God which comes in the work of the Holy Spirit. This is why *the experience* of God’s grace is so important. Remember it was Peter who wrote, “...as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, **that you may grow thereby**, if indeed **you have tasted** that the Lord is gracious.” [1 Pet 2:2-3].

It is *the tasting of grace* [i.e., experiencing God’s grace] by which we grow and mature. It really is not by might nor by power; but by God’s Spirit that we are changed. We can read and study and say “submit” until we’re blue in the face, but it is only by the Spirit’s power that we can truly submit “to every ordinance of man,” and particularly in our homes.

This Week:

Sun Morning Services – Livestreamed Only

- 7:30 am 1 Peter 3:1-7
- 9:30 am 1 Peter 3:1-7
- 11:30 am 1 Peter 3:1-7

Sun Evening Service – Serving “To Go” Meals Only.

- 6:30–7:30 pm Pickup “To Go” meals at HT Church Office.

Wed Evening Service – Livestreamed Only

- 7:30 pm Isaiah 36-39

Fri Evening – HT Home Group

- 6:30-8:30 pm 1 Peter 3:1-7



A Big Monthly Fellowship Thank You!

Thank you all who attended our Oct 2020 monthly fellowship last Sun. It was great seeing everyone and hearing the Word and just fellowshiping. We will continue doing these every last Sun of the month so please mark on your calendar.

Weekly Friday Night HT Home Group

Join us at our Fri Night HT Home Group, 6:30-8:30 pm, at our Church Office.

Live Streamed Services

- Sunday Morning [7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM] – 1 Peter
- Wednesday Evening [7:30 PM] - Isaiah

Sunday Evening Service

- Only serving “To Go” meals for pickup from 6:30-7:30 pm. No formal service.

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DailyBibleReading: 11/02 – 11/08: Luke 21 – John 10. Reading plan at Information Table.

SpanishTranslation is available during our services using small remote earpiece units. Please come to the Information Table.

PrayerRequests: We are available for prayer right after the service or you can fill out a PrayerCard and drop it in the offering box.

As a courtesy, please turn off cell phones and pagers during service.

Worship Services:

Sundays at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.  
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