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³¹ FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. ³² This mystery is great.

(Ephesians 5:31-32)

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Submission and Honor in Marriage (pt. 2)

1 Peter 3:1-7

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In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ² as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. ³ And let not your adornment be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; ⁴ but *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. ⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; ⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

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⁷ You husbands likewise, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

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Q: Why does Peter include husbands?

- not to command them to “submit” in a difficult situation as an attractive gospel-witness
- to clarify the manner in which a husband exercises leadership in relation to his wife's submission

Considerate Leadership

1. Treat her according to knowledge

- treat her in accordance with her nature and role as a woman by God's design

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➤ Implications

- a husband's leadership is not a domineering or harsh use of authority
- a husband should seek to know his wife in her unique feminine character

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2. Treat her with honor

- includes kind and affirming speech, provision and protection, and marital faithfulness
- recognize that she is spiritually equal – equally an heir of God's grace that produces life

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3. Incentive (implied warning)

- a husband's failure to treat his wife with honor and knowledge will hinder his relationship with the Lord