



Family Matters: Marriage Reimagined
1 Peter 3:1-12

Main Idea: Mature relationships require the foundational attitudes of submission, honor, and respect.

Connect: What quality have you admired about another person's more mature marriage? Grandparents? Parents? A friend's marriage?

Discuss

1. What from this week's message have you applied to your current family situation?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word "submit"?
 - Why is submission an important issue in Christian marriages? If you are not married, to whom do you submit? Why is submission difficult?
 - How is what the Bible teaches about authority and submission different than what our culture teaches? How can we make sure that our children receive the right messages about authority / submission?
3. Reflect on the ways your marriage has grown since it began. Is there a value or quality that has changed? Or a marker of spiritual growth?
 - For those unmarried, what quality do you think is most important for a thriving marriage?
4. Reflect on the attributes Peter lists in 3:8-9: How are these qualities important within a family, church, or LifeGroup? Could a secular organization manifest these characteristics? Explain why or why not.

Live it Out

- Is there a spiritual characteristic you would like to see more of within your marriage? After praying about it, find a quiet time and share this with your spouse.
- A transformed life by Jesus speaks loudly and is often the most effective way to influence the people you love. Live a life of submission to Jesus so your loved ones will see Jesus in you.

Other Scripture references: 1 Peter 3:1-12

V. 1-6: Eph. 5:22-33; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Tim. 3:11; Titus 2:5

V. 7: Matt. 1:19; 1 Cor. 14:35

V. 8-9: Eph. 4:32; Heb. 13:1

V. 10-12: Ps. 34:12-16