

LAST WEEK: CEPHAS AND JESUS



Peter or Cephas (then Simon) was a fisherman along with his brother Andrew and the sons of Zebedee, James and John.

We found :

- He was son of Jonah,
- Jesus healed his mother-in-law,
- He was married, (CHURCH TRADITION: His wife is known in the East as Febronia and her feast is celebrated on June 28.)
- He owned his own boat(fairly wealthy)
- He gave up everything to follow Jesus

We asked what we give up to follow Jesus!

We will jump forward in 1 Peter to chapter 3 since it is Mothers Day!

Now a prayer..

Dear Father God,

as you watch over us, the church,
May the women of this world give life, care and love to your children,

Bless our wonderful women today,

Enable them to be strengthened into becoming powerful spiritual leaders,

Developing into wonderful Christian mothers who shine forth,
letting the example of their faith and love flow to others.

Let us, their sons and daughters, respect them always.

May those of us who are husbands honor and love our wives like you love us.

Help us do this through the power of Holy Spirit, blessed by Lord Jesus
Christ.

Lord, may you bless all mothers today!

Now let's read 1 Peter 3: 1-7

1 Peter 3

Wives and Husbands

Wives, follow the lead of your husbands. Suppose some of them don't believe God's word. Then let them be won to Christ without words by seeing how their wives behave. ² Let them see how pure you are. Let them see that your lives are full of respect for God.

³ Braiding your hair doesn't make you beautiful. Wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes doesn't make you beautiful. ⁴ Instead, your beauty comes from inside you. It is the beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit. Beauty like that doesn't fade away. God places great value on it.

⁵ This is how the holy women of the past used to make themselves beautiful. They put their hope in God. And they followed the lead of their own husbands.

⁶ Sarah was like that. She obeyed Abraham. She called him her master. Do you want to be like her? Then do what is right. And don't give in to fear.

⁷ Husbands, take good care of your wives. They are weaker than you. So treat them with respect. Honor them as those who will share with you the gracious gift of life. Then nothing will stand in the way of your prayers.

How do women feel about these words?

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What do we think they may mean?

Are these words aimed at women who have believing husbands?

What is the purity Peter is talking about?

How does it tie into these words of Paul?

²² Wives, follow the lead of your husbands as you follow the Lord. ²³ The husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church. The church is Christ's body. He is its Savior. ²⁴ The church follows the lead of Christ. In the same way, wives should follow the lead of their husbands in everything.

²⁵ **Husbands, love your wives. Love them just as Christ loved the church.** He gave himself up for her. ²⁶ He did it to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her with water and the word. ²⁷ He did it to bring her to himself as a brightly shining church. He wants a church that has no stain or wrinkle or any other flaw. He wants a church that is holy and without blame.

²⁸ **In the same way, husbands should love their wives.** They should love them as they love their own bodies. Any man who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, people have never hated their own bodies. Instead, they feed and care for their bodies. And that is what Christ does for the church. ³⁰ We are parts of his body.

³¹ Scripture says, "That's why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The two will become one." ([Genesis 2:24](#)) ³² That is a deep mystery. But I'm talking about Christ and the church.

³³ **A husband also must love his wife. He must love her just as he loves himself.** [Ephesians 5]

In what way should women be motivated to follow their husbands?

What makes women beautiful?

Do we understand why Peter says...

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How do the ladies present feel about . . .

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from inside you.

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What is the promise of that type of beauty . . .

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Why type of women are used by God?

Some biblical examples...

Major Women mentioned in the bible

- **EVE (Genesis 1-3) [Adam]**
 - PRIDE Pre-Jewish, mother of all homo sapiens
 - screwed up royally and hooked her hubby into it as well
- **Sarai (Genesis 12-23) [Abram]**
 - IMPATIENT Pre-Jewish, Pre-Law, beauty, overly keen to help God along, protected and blessed by God
- **Rebekka (Genesis 24) [Isaac]**
 - SNEAKY Pre-Jewish, Pre-Law, beautiful but also conniving and sneaky
- **Tamar (Genesis 38) [Judah]**
 - PERSISTENT Non-Jewish, beautiful, more faithful to God than Judah himself, forced God's will onto Judah
- **Rahab (Joshua 2 & 6) [?]**
 - PERCEPTIVE Non-Jewish, prostitute who changed to follow God and saved the Jewish spies changing history
- **Ruth (Ruth) [Boaz]**
 - FAITHFUL Non-Jewish, trusted God more than expected of her by those around her, faithful
- **Bathsheba [2Sam 11]**
 - REPENTANT Non-Jewish, beautiful, influential
- **Mary [Joseph & Holy Spirit]**
 - HUMBLE MOTHER OF GOD Jewish, pure, gentle, accepting of grandeur with humility
- **GOD CHOSE TO USE WOMEN OF ALL PERSUASIONS TO DO HIS WORK**
 - HOW we get used depends on the amount we release our lives to GOD!

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DO you want to be like Sarah? Yes? No?
Why, Why not?

If there is fear in this where does it come from?

Unholy horrors of husbands?

Maybe...God doesn't want those men to be that way...

GODS plan for husbands dealing with wives...

⁷ Husbands, take good care of your wives. They are weaker than you. So treat them with respect. Honor them as those who will share with you the gracious gift of life. Then nothing will stand in the way of your prayers.

In those days where physical strength was critical
was the statement women was weaker true?

Is it true today?

Guys have responsibility...

Husbands, love your wives. Love them just as Christ loved the church. He gave himself up for her.

Will we give up our lives for your wives, will we be willing to be tortured to save her?

Do we complain and get angry with our wives about things?

.....in doing this are we doing this

He made her clean **by washing her with water and the word.**

In what way can we do this for our wives now days?
Prayer and loving care?

Exactly how much did we pray for our wives this week?

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Happy Mothers day Ladies

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