

## SERIES: "CHOSEN AND EXILED" - - 6/9/24 (#7) PASTOR LEE

Underlying  
Theme:  
Submission

Modeling  
Christ!

Relevance In  
The Home -

Relationship  
To Faith -

"Likewise"

Wives &  
Husbands -

Continuance of  
"Subject to"  
Theme

- One of the key words from last week's message was "SUBMIT" - - can strike terror in our hearts....when 'submitting' is harsh...doesn't go well....causes hurt, etc. Yet in this writing of Peter, (1 Peter), it seems to be a theme. In ESV Bible, the word is replaced by the phrase: 'be subject to'....whether, eg., the emperor, institutions, employers, elders....even the most difficult of people. In following this principle, Christ-followers differentiate themselves.

- In doing so, you are modeling Christ and reflecting His light. The epitome and test is if you can follow even when that entity/person is wrong. This is not intuitive behavior...it is supernatural. Greatest example of 'supernatural submission' and how it applies to Christ: (See Phil 2 ..... "who being equal with God did not consider equality something to be grasped"....instead, submitting to the will of the Father, He humbled Himself....came down to earth with love to be a man and died for us....now that's supernatural!!!!

- While we might mildly accept this notion of submission with some detachment on the premise that it does have major impact on our actual, day-to-day lives, how about the notion of submission within the home.....ie wives. Again, this models and is reflective of His light and supernatural.

- Math 5:16 - *In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.*

- Pastor Lee: "A VISIBLE FAITH MAKES AN INVISIBLE GOD, VISIBLE. WHEN YOU HAVE TO COME UNDER SOMEONE WHO IS UNTENABLE, THAT IS WHEN YOUR FAITH BECOMES MOST VISIBLE". Witnesses can see god through your behavior/reactions!! This is what Peter means when He says 'wives, be subject to your husbands'.

- 1 Peter 3: 1-7 - *Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the Word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives. (2) when they see your respectful and pure conduct. (3) Do not let your adorning be external-the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry or the clothing you wear-(4) but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. (5) For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves. By submitting to their own husbands, (6) as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. (7) Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life that your prayers may not be hindered.*

- The word "like-wise" in V 1 relates to all the submissive-type conduct/ responses recommended by Peter referenced above and in 1 Peter 2.

## ... CONTINUENCE

- The rest of V 1 (being subject to husbands) again, relates to the supernatural God principles He espoused through Peter on the general notion of 'submission'. Most women, Pastor Lee observed, would love to have a man who leads them in a Godly way. Two issues here:
  1. Maybe the husband doesn't follow God and does not lead as he should, or
  2. He is, wholly, a non-believer.

Wives: Submis-  
sive yet  
Equal -

Positively  
Impactful!

- Peter is saying, in either of these two instances, subject oneself so that he might, by your modeling and (overall) conduct, be won to the Lord. You (wife) just live your life so good that he may be affected. Important Note: 'Subjecting yourself does NOT equal inferiority!'
- Pastor Lee tells the story of one husband at Church...a non-believer 'going along' with his wife who wanted to attend Church. Ultimately, he heard 'the message' and believed.....he mused: maybe God placed my wife into my life so that I would meet Him.
- V 3-4.....Let your 'adorning' be heavily weighted on the 'inside', knowing Jesus. Wives.....as your heart changes/grows.....it impacts husbands and stimulates their own change of heart. You (wives) may represent the best opportunity for your husband to become a Christ-follower.

Veil of  
Protection

- V-5.....Abraham and Sarah....she obeyed him...what if your husband makes bad decisions? Pastor Lee tells the story of their exodus to Egypt.....Abraham's lie to the pharaoh that Sarah was his sister. Fact is, Abraham made an horrific decision for which there were to be consequences.....yet God protects Sarah. Likewise, God will protect you ((wives) in the midst of such dilemmas.

→ Husbands:

- Understand
- Show Honor
- LOVE

- V-7 Husbands: "LIKEWISE" (do not fear!!!).....live with wives in an understanding way. Pastor Lee: Be in the game with her....being sensitive to her wants and needs....."showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel". (WEAKER...NOT LESSOR...FINER). Pastor Lee's friend's advise: just tell them (us)...love your wives a lot.....no issue! Wives need to be treated as the amazing persons that they are!

Husbands/Wives:

- Complementary
- Reciprocal

- Tim Keller Quote: " If Two spouses each say I'm going to treat my self-centeredness as a main problem in my marriage. You have the prospect of a truly great marriage".
- You are co-heirs of the grace of life!!!! So you are, in effect, complementing each other!

→ Husbands:

- Imitate Christ
- leadership
- submission
- prayer

Eph 5:25 - - Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her...

- Christ loved the Church so much, he died for it...that's the depth of love husbands should have.
- Last phrase: ".....that your prayers may not be hindered." Pastor Lee: "Until you get this right, you have nothing else to pray about."