**SERMON** The Humble Strength of Godly Husband

3-12-2017 Series Hope in All Seasons

1 Peter 3:7 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[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+pet+3%3A7&version=ESV#fen-ESV-30415a)] of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

**1. The Husband’s leadership**

**Leadership of the husband is assumed by the context.**

**See also Eph 5:22-33 & Col 3:19**

**2. Live with your wives in an understanding way**

 “understanding way?”

GK-literally “*live with them according to knowledge*”

 Not “considerate ” or “be sympathetic” - not what it means

 Knowledge about what? Peter doesn’t say.

 The context informs us- may include **any knowledge** that would be good for the husband wife relationship.

 This may include-

a. knowledge about **her**

* Who she is , what she’s like
* Strengths, weaknesses, desires, goals, frustrations,
* any categories of physical, emotional and spiritual needs

b. knowledge about **yourself**

* strengths and weaknesses
* temptations
* understanding the specific role God has called you to

c. knowledge of **God**

* His design for marriage
* His expectations for you
* the purpose of marriage

d. knowledge about the specific **situation** or **circumstance**

* any information that pertains to the moment

Proverbs 18:13,15 – Seek to understand with questions.

“Help me understand……”

**3. Showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel**

Nowhere in scripture a woman is intellectually, emotionally, morally or spiritually weaker.

1st – Use your **strength** to **provide** and **protect** and your wife.

2nd -Use your position of **authority** and **strength** to **care** for and **honor** your wife

**4. Recognize wives are heirs with you of the grace of life**

**1 Pet 1:3-5**

**5. so that your prayers may not be hindered.**

Summary -

- Live with them in an understanding way.

- Honor them in their weakness

 -Recognizes them as fully equal heirs

 This is your NEW identity.

 All Because you have a new King,

 And live in a new kingdom.

 For your good, the good of your marriage, power to testimony and glory of God.