

# ANCHORED

*finding hope in life's deep waters*



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A Study in First Peter  
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***“Finding Hope in  
Marriage”***  
1 Peter 3:1-6

*These questions will help you take home today's message and apply these truths throughout the week. Harvest small groups use similar questions for discussion. Small groups meet at various times and locations and are designed to fit your stage of life. If you're interested in joining one, please contact us at 630.281.4800 or visit our website at [www.harvestnaperville.org](http://www.harvestnaperville.org).*

### Core Truth

Wives must be submissive to their husbands and husbands should be considerate and respectful of their wives -- as a result we find hope in our marriages and the testimony of our faith brings others to faith and glory to God.

### *Getting Started*

1. If you were to rate your natural inclination for being submissive on a scale of one to ten, where would you place yourself and why?
2. Peter is calling us to a lifestyle of submission. What do you believe this means and why is it such a difficult thing to do in our generation?
3. Read the verses from 1 Peter 3:1-7 aloud. Listen carefully to what Peter is saying and ask the Holy Spirit to impress the salient truths on your heart so that you can walk in obedience and hope.

### *Going Deeper*

4. Peter calls wives to submit to their own husbands. Why is this call given? What insights does Paul give in Ephesians 5:22-24?
5. What kind of beauty should women be concerned about? How does this compare to what our culture tells us in the day we live?
6. How does submission demonstrate the kind of faith that Sarah possessed? In what ways should her behavior be imitated?
7. What kind of relationship does Peter call husbands to cultivate with their wives?
8. How does Peter integrate the whole area of prayer into the husband's responsibilities? Why is this significant?

*Applying the Truth in Your Life*

9. How is your marriage (or your view of marriage, if you are single) different and distinct? Does it blend with the way the world views marriage or stand out from it? What issues do you sense God wants you to deal with today?
10. What are some specific behaviors you need to begin, or cease, in order to bring your life into line with Peter's words in this passage?
11. Ask someone to join you in praying for lasting change and renewed hope in your marriage or as you anticipate marriage.

Did you know that your kids are studying the same topics as you?

If you have a student in 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade, junior high, or high school, we're providing you with additional questions to ask them this week. These questions are meant to let you in on what they're learning and provide you with a way to come alongside your student and help them apply what they're learning on the weekends.

Here some questions to ask your kids following the weekend services:

**4th-5th Graders:**

- How do we (your mom and dad) display the qualities that we talked about today?
- What are some lessons you have learned about marriage from us (mom and dad)?
- Girls – identify one lady that you can look up to and imitate her?
- Boys – find a wise man that will teach you how to treat a lady?

**High School:**

- What are some of the things that John said love isn't?
- What does love look like?
- How important of a command is it to love others?