

# message

## righteous relationships

EXILES | 1 PETER 3:1-12 | NOVEMBER 28/29, 2015 | PASTOR MATT ERICKSON

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble." (1 Peter 3:8)*

### Exile Wives (1 Peter 3:1-6)

- Reverence that Submits
- Reverence that Wins
- Reverence that Beautifies
- Reverence that's Rooted

### Exile Husbands (1 Peter 3:7)

- Reverence that's Considerate
- Reverence that Respects
- Reverence that's Unhindered

### Relational Character (1 Peter 3:8-12)

A different community (vs 8)

- Like-minded
- Sympathetic
- Loving one another
- Compassionate
- Humble

A different response: blessing...even in the face of evil (vs 9)

A different goal: an eternal inheritance (vss 10-12)

# study guide

1. In which of your relationships do you find it most easy to share your faith in Jesus? In which relationships do you find it harder to do that?
2. As we continue our series, "Exiles," this weekend, we are turning to 1 Peter 3:1-12. Begin your study in prayer, asking God to speak to you through the Bible, and then read the passage aloud.
3. Continuing from the previous section, 1 Peter 2:18-25, Peter now focuses attention on husband-wife relationships. He addresses them both, saying "in the same way" (3:1, 7). This brings us back to 1 Peter 2:18, where Peter addresses the household servants. What is "the same way" that Peter is talking about?
4. According to verses 1 and 2, what reason does Peter give for the submission he commends for wives?
5. Peter offers a contrast between inner and outer beauty. This is a hot topic in our own culture, where some companies are campaigning for "real beauty." What sort of beauty is Peter upholding and how do you think the church can reflect this?
6. Verse 7 is a brief but pointed instruction for husbands. What does Peter exhort husbands to do and what is the reason for it?
7. Do you think it's easy or hard to live out Peter's instructions for husbands and wives? Why do you say that?
8. Speaking more generally in verses 8-12, Peter calls all followers of Jesus into a different sort of character. How would you briefly describe each phrase offered in verse 8?
9. Behind 1 Peter 3:9 is Jesus' statement in Luke 6:27-28. Read those verses. What do you think it practically looks like to bless those who intend evil for us?
10. Verses 10-12 are drawn from Psalm 34, which Peter also references in 1 Peter 2:3. Why do you think Peter uses these verses here at the end of his section on relationships?
11. What is one specific thing you sense God is speaking to you through this study? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray about what you share together. If you are studying on your own, write it down, pray about it, and share this with someone during the next few days.

*[Next week: We continue our "Exiles" series by looking at 1 Peter 3: 13-22 with a conversation around "Persecution." Read ahead with us!]*