

TESTIFY *of* JESUS

THE FIRST & SECOND LETTERS OF PETER | THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Scripture Reading

1 PETER 3:1–6

THE MAIN POINT OF 1 PETER 3:1–6

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“Contrary to the [popular culture’s] narrative, theologically conservative, gender-traditional, church-attending women are in the category of the happiest relationships and least abuse in the country.”

— *Josh Howerton, “No, Christianity Is Not As Bad As You Think” (TGC, March 19, 2022)*

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3. *Peter's counsel to wives can apply to husbands.* Although his words are for Christian wives with disobedient husbands, they can (in part) be adapted to Christian husbands with disobedient wives.

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 - Christian single women, look in verse 4 at the words that can describe a wife: There is “an unfading beauty that is invaluable to God.”

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2. Christian wife, your fearless faith in Jesus is most stabilizing—no matter what your disobedient husband might do (verses 5–6).

“So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,
‘After I am worn out, and my lord is old,
shall I have pleasure?’”

— *Genesis 18:12*

“You are [Sarah’s] daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.”

— *1 Peter 3:6* NLT