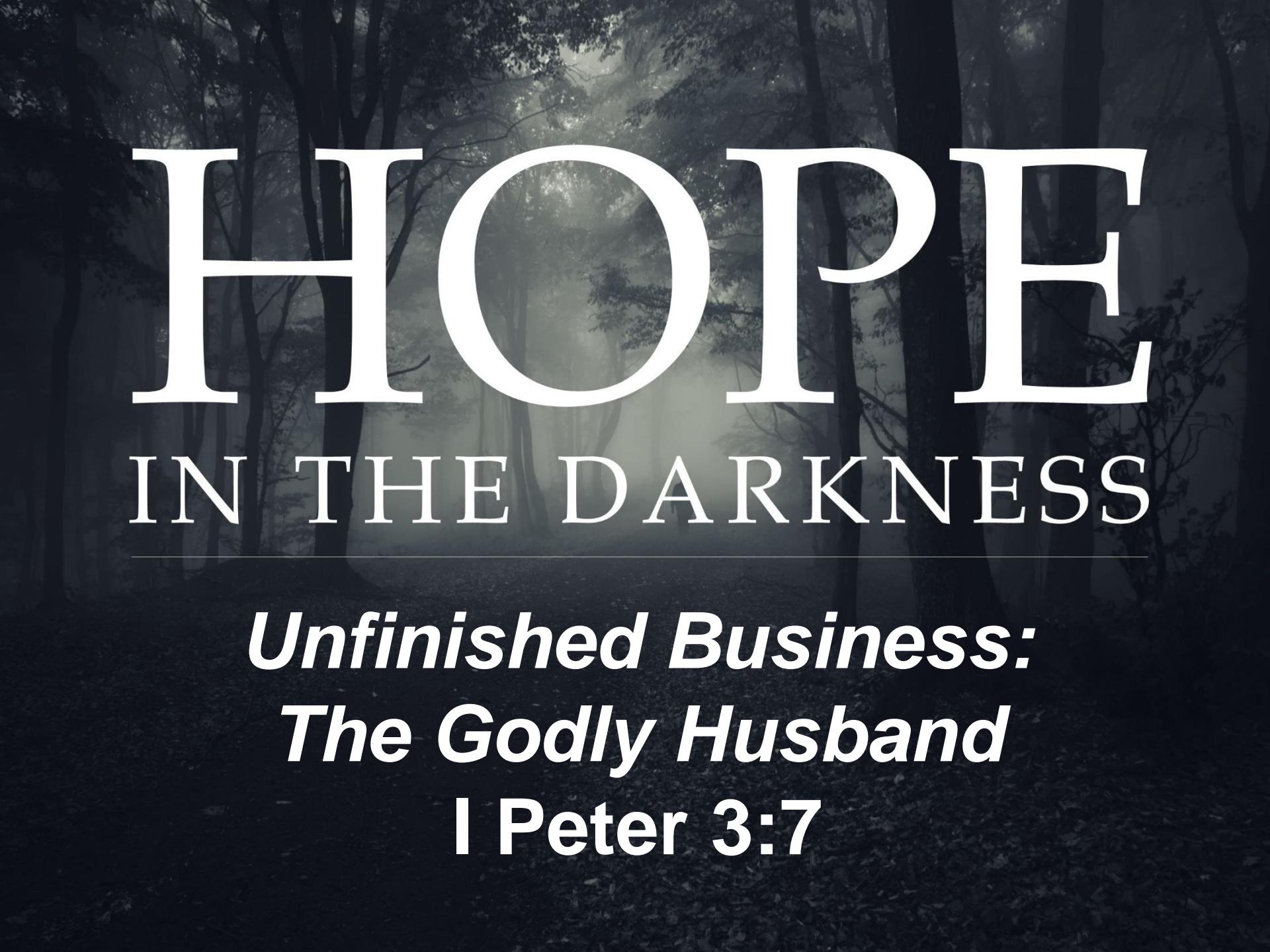


HOPE

IN THE DARKNESS

Studies in I Peter



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*Unfinished Business:
The Godly Husband*
I Peter 3:7

INTRODUCTION:



**Franklin and
Norma Curtis**
65th Anniversary



**Rich and Jo
Gager**
60th Anniversary

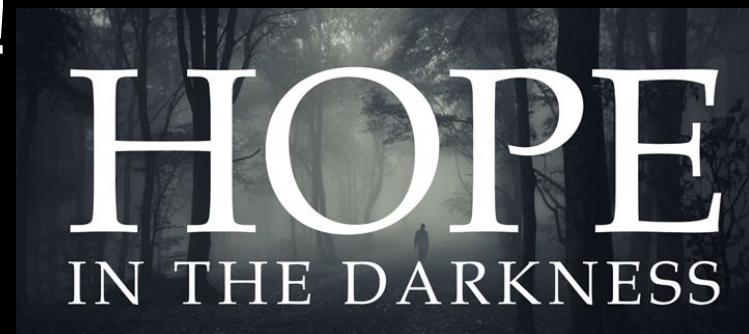
INTRODUCTION:



David and Sarah Eilert
Married on Friday Evening

INTRODUCTION:

1. God is all wise and so good!
2. While our obedience to God's precepts will make us different from the world, we are not called to be weird!
3. Let's all be part of encouraging beautiful, biblical womanhood!
4. Even those who persistently reject the Gospel can be won!
5. Husbands . . . you're next!



Command #1 – Learn Your Wife

2 Components of Living in an Understanding Way

- Understanding Biblical Marriage Generally
- Understanding Your Wife Specifically

10 Practical Suggestions for Learning Your Wife

- 1) Ask your wife questions; absorb her answers.
- 2) Write your wife.
- 3) Humbly assist your wife in her walk with the Lord.
- 4) Study your wife.
- 5) Date your wife.
- 6) Walk with your wife.



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- 7) Appreciate the learning value of the physical relationship.
- 8) Pray for your wife and with your wife.
- 9) Solve problems . . . together.
- 10) Keep learning.



Command #2 – Honor Your Wife

What does it mean to honor your wife?

8 Practical Suggestions for Honoring Your Wife

- 1) Learn your wife.
- 2) Take leadership in doing the hard things.
- 3) Prioritize your wife's needs. (Phil. 2:3-5)
- 4) Celebrate your wife as God's special creation.
- 5) Bless your wife with your words.
- 6) Honor what your wife values.



Command #2 – Honor Your Wife

8 Practical Suggestions for Honoring Your Wife

- 7) Involve your wife in decision making.
- 8) You can't honor your wife without time,
attention and resources.



Two “Think About It’s”

Thought #1 – Your wife is a “weaker vessel.”



Helpful Explanation

In what sense are women “weaker”? Nothing else in the New Testament suggests that women are intellectually inferior, nor is it clear that women are weaker emotionally, for in many ways the vulnerability of women in sharing their emotions and feelings demonstrates that they are more courageous and stronger than men emotionally. Nor did Peter suggest that women are weaker morally or spiritually than men. Such a view would suggest that men are actually better Christians than women, which is not taught elsewhere in the Scriptures, nor is it evident in history.



Helpful Explanation

The most obvious meaning, therefore, is that women are weaker than men in terms of sheer strength. Peter used the word for “female” or “woman” rather than “wife”. He directed attention to what is uniquely feminine about women, pointing husbands to the knowledge that God would require them to have of the female sex. – Tom Schreiner



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Thought #2 – Your wife is a fellow recipient of God’s gift of life.



One “Or Else”

- There are many good reasons (even biblical reasons) to learn and honor your wife. But the reason God provided in this passage is . . . if you don’t learn and honor your wife your prayers will be hindered!
- “God does not bless with His favor those who are in positions of authority and abuse those who are under them by mistreating them.”



One “Or Else”

- If this warning does not arrest our attention and compel us to obey, something is terribly wrong with our value system!



A GAME PLAN

1. Don't make excuses.
2. Memorize the playbook.
3. Team up.
4. Finish strong.
5. Don't forget there are spectators.

