**The Epistle of 1st PETER**

Chapter 3

Holy Relationships

1. Spouses in Submission
2. Wives (1-6)
3. Husbands (7)
4. Suffering and Doing Good (8-17)
5. The Christ of Salvation (18-22)

*Summary: Peter speaks about submitting to our spouses in order to maintain harmony and witness for Jesus; continuing from the previous chapter, he discusses submission. Wives were expected to set the example for their husbands, indicating (just as is the case today) that women tended to be more active and committed to the church. He goes on to teach the message of the Messiah regarding forgiveness, kindness and not returning evil for evil.*

**Study Questions**

1. When you have heard, “wives be submissive to your husbands,” in the past, what did you think it meant?
2. Recalling the discussion of submission from the previous chapter, what does it mean here when considering relationships between spouses?
3. Peter almost sounds as if he is preaching the message of Jesus directly from the Gospels. What passage does this chapter remind you of from the words of Jesus?

**Notes**