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**A Roadmap for Living In Exile**

**Submission in Marriage – Part 1**

**1 Peter 3:1-6**

**In Matthew 19:4-6 Jesus clarified 5 fundamental truths about marriage.**

1. Jesus defined marriage as the unique relationship created by God for a male and a female whereby the male serves as a husband in the relationship and a female serves as a wife. These roles are not assigned based on a person’s interpretation of their gender but rather on their biological sex.
2. Jesus defined marriage as the unique relationship whereby a male and a female break from the authority and dependence of their parents to become a new and independent family. (Matthew 19:4-6)
3. Jesus defined marriage as the unique relationship whereby a male and a female are so closely united that they are considered one. (Matthew 19:4-6)
4. Husband and wife are not an identity, but rather a responsibility within the relationship. (Matthew 19:4-6)
5. Jesus declared that God is the creator and authority over marriage, therefore it will only prosper when it functions in the way He created it, and it can only be entered into and ended by His authority. (Matthew 19:4-6)

**1 Peter 3:1-6 teaches two principles about a Christian wife’s submission to her husband:**

1. A Christian wife’s genuine submission to her husband is a massively effective way to positively influence his relationship with Christ. (3:1-2)
	1. In the context of the marriage, Christian wives are to live under the authority of their husband. This is the same submission Peter commands all Christians to have towards whatever human authority applies to them (2:13).
	2. When a Christian wife’s submission to her husband is defined by her respectful and pure conduct it points her husband straight to Jesus!
2. A Christian wife’s submission is meant to be a product of the humble confidence that only comes from knowing God! (3:3-6)

**CHALLENGE:**  The key to a Christian wife being able to submit to her husband the way God designed, is for her to be totally transformed, energized, and defined not by her skills and achievements, nor by the love she receives from her husband, but rather entirely by the Love of Christ for her!