**Deference**

**Sermon Based Discussion (February 14, 2016)**

**Living Faith, 1 Peter, part 2 (4)**

**WARM UP**

1. Have you been a victim of injustice, mistreatment, or false accusations (not necessarily in a marital situation)? What was your initial response?

*In this section, Peter applies the concept from 1 Peter 2:12,*

*(“Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.”), to wives and husbands in difficult situations. When Christians are mistreated, instead of responding in retaliation, they should respond in deference, in thoughtful consideration to another person’s desires or feeling to win them to Christ. Though not everyone is married, this study can give insight into marriage and the selection of a marriage partner and can be applied to other spheres.*

**INTO THE BIBLE (Read 1 Peter 2:21-3:7)**

1. How was Jesus treated unfairly in his trial and crucifixion (2:23)? How did He respond? What determined His response?
2. Where else has Peter used the command “Be subject” ?

1. What does the command “be subject” or “be submissive” mean?

1. What else do we learn about a wife’s submission from this passage?

**UNDERSTANDING**

1. Are there limits for this submission?
2. Does submission by the wife imply inferiority?
3. What is Peter’s command for the husbands?

**DIFFERENCE**

1. Practically speaking, how can husbands show honor to their wives? (Be specific!)

**APPLICATION**

1. For women, what are the qualities in 3:1-6 do you need to develop in your life? For men, what at the qualities you need to develop in 3:7?