STUDY 6: Suffering Like Christ
1 Peter 3v1-7

DAY 1	▪ In what way does loving your spouse sacrificially help you to abstain from the passions which war against your soul (1 Pet. 2:11)? How does your spouse help you fight sin? How can you help your spouse fight their sin? ▪ Is your marriage something that would cause non-believers to wonder what makes you different? Is it something that could be part of seeing them glorify God?
DAY 2	▪ Read Eph. 5:18-29. There is to be mutual submission within a marriage (v21) and within that, wives are to submit to husbands (v22) and husbands are to sacrificially love their wives (v25). ▪ Husbands: Loving the Church cost Christ his life, what does loving your wife cost you? Wives: do you submit to your husband gladly and willingly, as to the Lord? ▪ Submission within marriage is ultimately about partnership and teamwork. How is your team doing?
DAY 3	▪ Does a marriage outside the faith create conflict in the home? ▪ Is divorce an option for the Christian, with an unbelieving spouse? (1 Cor 7:12-14) What if the non-Christian leaves? ▪ Do you tend to try to change your spouse with words/debate/wearing them down or by pure and respectful conduct?
DAY 4	▪ Can women wear jewellery, fix their hair, wear nice clothes? What should not come from these things? ▪ Read 1 Tim. 4:7-8 and 6:6-10. Do you spend more time/effort/money on training the inner or the outer man? ▪ Read Matt. 12:28-30 and Philippians 2:3-7. Jesus is our example of what it means to have a gentle and quiet spirit. Are you like Jesus in this respect?
DAY 5	▪ In what ways is a woman weaker than a man? Is she stronger in any ways? ▪ Is she made in the image of God (Gen 1:26-27)? Is there an eternal distinction in heaven (Gal 3:26-29)? ▪ Is there a difference in role in the family & in the church between men and women?
DAY 6	▪ How well do you understand your wife? Does she feel treasured? Ask her! And take her answer at face value because God says he only gives good gifts (Jam. 1:17). ▪ How have you honored your spouse recently? ▪ What can you do to build up your spouse this week?
DAY 7	▪ Read Matt. 4:23-24; 6:14-15. How is the connection between our vertical relationship with God and our horizontal relationships with others described? ▪ What is the key for men to have their prayers answered? ▪ Men: are your prayers answered? If not, why not?