

1 Peter 2:21-25

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, WHO COMMITTED NO SIN, NOR WAS ANY DECEIT FOUND IN HIS MOUTH; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Before we move on, I want to quickly just touch on our passage last week. It was very technical and a bit thick, but the technical part conveyed to us a very important theological point which I don't want us to miss. When you suffer for doing what is intrinsically good (which is another way of saying, when you suffer for doing the works which God does in and through your life), you do not suffer alone. When you are unjustly treated, it is not an affliction that only you endure. We were told that Jesus now suffers and He is now ill-treated. And this speaks to two things which I want to quickly address. The first being the fellowship experienced in suffering between us and the entire Godhead, and the second being the way the design point, "it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me" (**Galatians 2:20**) has been buried in the world of Christianity such that we so often miss the opportunity to enjoy this type of fellowship.

First, I think it is comforting to know that we are not in this alone. God is not just sitting back authorizing things to come into our life and then watching us struggle and wrestle with failure and success. No, that is not how it works at all. The Father sovereignly arranges every detail of our lives, but Christ Himself suffers with us, endures with us, and is unjustly treated with us; and He walks with us through every little injury, insult, hurt, and injustice. This is something we share. In fact, if we were to be totally accurate, our suffering is actually His suffering and we just get to share in the completion or fulfillment of His suffering. Our suffering for doing good (not for sinning, but for allowing Him to work in us) is to be understood as an opportunity for intimacy and fellowship with Jesus.

This passage, when properly understood that it is happening in our now and not something that happened to Jesus in the past, speaks of deep connection, intimacy, and mutuality. Our suffering is a way in which we experience Jesus and personally come to know what He endures day-in-and-day-out through the lives of His children. I think it is beautiful and perspective shifting. Difficulties always have the potential of bringing people together; in this instance you and Jesus. Instead of constantly bemoaning our troubles, we get to see them as a time of deepest intimacy with Jesus trusting that the Father is using them for His good purposes to make us more and more like His Son. Remember, with the Father it is always personal and it is always intentional (He is the Guardian and Shepherd of our souls); after all, we are His precious possession.

Second, this passage speaks to the design point of true Christianity. Accordingly, I was thinking about why the translators of our Bibles tend to distort this passage. Why do you think they put “Christ suffered for you” in the *past*

tense when the Greek *past* tense is not used and the “example He is leaving” clearly is in the *present* tense and is happening now? Further, they said He was “reviled” but the Greek says it is happening now. And the way they phrased “while suffering” makes us think it happened in the past, but again it is in the *present* tense and is happening now. Why the distortions? I believe it is because they don’t hold to the design point for it does not fit their own theological framework nor the religious traditions of men that have been passed down through the generations. Therefore, difficult passages tend to get translated in a way that works both for them and for the system they seem the need to protect, even at the cost of Biblical accuracy.

You see, if you hold to the design point, then you must strip from Christianity all the control points that have been wielded to manage the people of God (and honestly, that is bad for business; and as we learned in **Revelation 18**, the religion of Christianity is very big business). For example, fear. Fear of sin is probably one of the biggest controls. Think of how big the religious system is in terms of trying to control or limit sin in the lives of believers. Then there is all that goes into giving people an opportunity to serve God and do for God which serves both as a way to perpetuate the organization of church and to appease the individual’s need for doing good and being good. When it comes down to it, the design point threatens the church’s way of life as an organizational entity as well as one’s own personal sense or ethic of goodness.

Then add to it the fact that “Christ lives in me” is only half of the design point, the other half is “I have been crucified with Christ.” Sadly, this half of the design point has been badly distorted. It has become a euphemism for accepting Christ.

People are taught that if they are a Christian this applies to their lives. But in context of the book of **Galatians**, Paul makes it clear that “crucified” means that he has gone to war and fought the battle between the flesh (especially the religious flesh) and the Spirit. He put to death the fleshly lusts of self-pity and self-love and with each kill stroke the Spirit took over territory in his soul until He walked in the Spirit and could confidently say, I have been crucified and Christ now lives in me.

However, if you tell people they must die and equip them with the means for death, I guarantee you it will be hard to gather a large following. People want the goodness God offers but do not truly want to be a disciple; the costs is far too high for the price is everything (**Luke 14:25-33**). As Jesus gave up his glory and died in order that we might live; we must also give up everything in order to truly live. True living is about dying. And if you are a true believer, then nothing in this world belongs to you anyways. Detach, separate, and become the Lord’s disciple. Don’t just convince yourself that you are ok because you belong to the fraternity of Christianity. You must become one who goes to war and dies to sin in order to confidently declare: I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me. To truly live you must die to sin and live to righteousness!

1 Peter 3:1-6

In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. Your adornment must not be merely external — braiding the hair,

and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.

This is one of those passages that raises the hair on the back of most women's neck and makes you want to read really, really fast and skip on to the next point. This is not a popular subject in our day, but clearly the Spirit has set forth timeless truths that we cannot ignore; thus, our heart needs to be open. To assist in this regard, it is important to remember two key truths. First, you don't belong to this world and you must not find your validation, worth, or identity in this world; you must not! You must be willing to lineup your thoughts and emotions with the truth and trust that your Father know best believing His goals and intentions for you are always for your good. And, by the way, if the hair on your neck is a little stiff, then this is one of those opportunities to die to self, die to your flesh, put in the kill stroke, and declare that despite your feelings and reasoning, the Word of God is not just the truth but is your truth. This is a passage that really vets, or examines, your motives and digs out for exposure to the light any last remnants of resistance that would otherwise still hold on to this world.

Second, we are first and foremost brothers and sisters in the Lord. Christ is all, and in all, and there is no distinction between male and female for we are all one

in Christ Jesus (**Colossians 3:11; Galatians 3:28**). Our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ is above all others—even that of husband and wife. Thus, husbands you must not use these verses to manipulate, control, or demand from your wife what God is not leading her to do. Keep in mind, the relational constructs in marriage are established by the Father to meet very specific spiritual purposes (many of which are not even fully understood); but they are not a statement on a woman’s identity, worth, value, or importance.

Yes, marriage is to be honored by all, but consider how the Spirit instructs men in **1 Corinthians 7:29**, “But this I say, brethren, the time has been shortened, so that from now on those who have wives should be as though they had none.” Wow, that is shocking. Yes, the Spirit of God just said those who have wives should be as though they have none. I have to tell you, culturally, we have made marriage into something which God has not. Marriage is beautiful and it has the potential to be a great blessing, but that relationship is always subjected to our calling in Christ Jesus to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness—for the time has been shortened. We must be careful not to follow the pathway of religion and errantly reverse that order. Our major concern cannot be and must not be the demands of marriage, but the demands of our Father in heaven.

Now that our hearts are prepped, this passage starts by saying “In the same way,” which goes back to the issue of the design point. In the same way that we let God through our lives cause us to honor all earthly authorities (**2:13**), and let Him cause us to submit to our masters (**2:18**), wives are to let Him cause them to be submissive to their own husbands. As in **2:13** and **18**, the *passive* voice is used (it’s in the *present passive participle*); hence, it is to be in your now, God is to do

it, and it is to be your ongoing experience. It is what God will do through you when you fear God, put to death the fleshly lusts of self-pity and self-love, and let Him live in and through your life and have mastery over your body.

For the most part, this has been another one of those misunderstood passages that has placed a huge burden on the hearts and minds of women. It has led to an unnecessary battle with duty, guilt, failure, fear, and far too much relational oppression. It has also been a weapon of control and manipulation to keep women in their place. But this passage was never intended to be something that women must obey, otherwise, it would be a *present active imperative*, a command regarding what you must now do. But it is not. It is presented as a fruit of abiding in Jesus, a fruit of finding ones true identity as the Father's precious possession, as a royal priest, and part of His holy nation. It is a fruit of deciding that this world has nothing to offer and it is safe and secure to live as an alien and stranger on this earth.

Being in the *passive* voice, as with the other forms of submission, there will be times when the Spirit decides that it is not the time to be submissive; but that is always the Spirit's call and must never be confused with your desire to do what you want to do. Accordingly, we must not look at this as a commandment to be obeyed (since it is not a commandment) but as a life-style in the Spirit (hence, the *participle*). If God ever does call you to go to war in your marital relationship, just like if He ever asks you to rebel against your governmental authorities like He did Peter and John, He will make sure you know it is from Him and not merely a result of your fleshly reactions. He will lead the battle and He will bound what you can and cannot do and expect you to live closely within His limits. But again, that will

be up to the Spirit and not merely a matter of your dissatisfaction with your marriage.

Before we go further in this text, I want to address why this instruction is even necessary, and it goes to the way of a woman and is a byproduct of the curse found in **Genesis 3**. It must be understood that God created woman with a single paramount need (even though it is confusingly expressed in many indiscernible ways), and that is to be secure. Women seek first and foremost: 1) security in relationship (needing to always know they are loved, wanted, and sought after); 2) security in provision (having their practical needs met and assurance that their future needs are being looked out for); 3), security in protection (needing to be physically out of harm's way); 4) security in direction (needing to know they are being led to the right places); and 5) security in spiritual matters (needing to find their spiritual connection and be affirmed in that connection. At the deepest subconscious levels women are driven by this need for security. If a husband does not understand this or prioritize her need, he will have serious problems in his marriage. Quite honestly, he will never be able to enjoy the fullness of a marriage relationship as God designed it to be enjoyed. It will instead be riddled with conflict and dissatisfaction.

Given this dynamic, if things were left unto themselves, there would be constant tension and conflict between husband and wives and we have the curse to thank for it. In **Genesis 3:16**, the Lord said, in speaking to the woman: "And you will desire your husband but he will rule over you." In Hebrew, this is somewhat of a play on words and could be accurately translated two ways: your desire will be for your husband or your desire will be to rule your husband. Both concepts

are communicated in this passage. Accordingly, this frames the historic battle between the genders and the big “but” as in “but he will rule over you.”

For the most part, women will naturally let themselves be led by their husbands (as they do their fathers) as their desire is for them—to love them and be loved by them. But guys, don’t misunderstand, that does not just mean that she is naturally going to worship you because you are so strong and manly, sorry. It means she is naturally looking to you (as she once did her father) to meet her greatest need for security. How scary is that. And if you don’t meet that need, her desire for you will turn into a desire to rule you and control you. Her nature kicks in as she seeks to ensure that her need for security is going to be met; and, if you are not going to meet it you will suffer for it—one way or another.

In some ways, this is a natural trigger which God built into women which if men understood should cause them to repent and realize that they have to do their job of properly leading and protecting their wives to ensure those security needs are met. But most men are either dullards and don’t understand what is happening to them or they just don’t care and selfishly turn into themselves and take care of themselves (which makes the situation extremely volatile and has the potential of a long drawn out war for control).

I know I am addressing this in a cursory fashion, but I just wanted to address the background surrounding this passage so you can understand why a woman submitting to her husband is considered to be living like an alien and stranger. You see, Jesus is to be the true source of a woman’s security, not her husband. But until Jesus shakes you up, you natural look to find satisfaction in this world, especially in the institution of marriage which has been so romanticized and even

fictionalized in the realms of Christianity and in the world at large. But mark my word, naturally you will want to rule your husband; and I say that because very few men know what it means to truly lead their wives and seek to meet her deep needs for security. The result, however, is always bad. Not only will your romanticized and fictionalized notions of marriage be shattered, you will be thrust into ongoing conflict with your husband. This conflict will take on many shapes and forms (some quite fleshly and some quite religious in nature); but, either way, it will be a lifestyle of conflict, compromise, and overall dissatisfaction while your greatest need for security will still be unmet and unsatisfied. That is the way of the world and this is the way of woman.

I believe the Spirit is communicating to us that there is a better way. If you can truly understand your identity as a child of God, the Lord's **beloved**, if you can look to God to be your "I Am" – all that you truly need, if you can believe that in a relationship with the Godhead you will find complete satisfaction for everything you need, then you won't have to demand it from your husband. Imagine, you won't have to live in conflict, disappointment, and despair always battling for control; rather, you can live in the Lord's peace whether your husband does or does not do what you hope him to do.

You see, your Father in heaven has always pursued you. He chose you before the foundations of the world. He has always wanted you for His Son. In fact, He moved time and space and ordered the most amazing events in your life to ensure that you would fall in love with His Son. And His Son is obsessed with you. You are His bride, you are His woman, and He desires you more than His very life (which, by the way, He gave up for you). As your lover, He looks out for you in all

things. He knows every detail of your life and He delights in it. He orders your steps; He guides you along the paths you should follow; and His pathways are always just and true and they always lead to Him.

He ensures you are provided for in all things: He knows what you need before you ask; and if He clothes the lilies of the valleys with such glory and provides food for the birds in the air, how much more will He provide for His lover. In fact, He never leaves you nor forsakes you. He is with you always; He is your constant ever vigilant companion. He has given you His Comforter—His very Spirit—to be with you, to counsel you and advise you, to love on you, to correct you and instruct you, and to guide you with each and every decision that you need to make in this life. You are always attended to by a love struck man who just also happens to be God—able to do everything He promised He would do.

He also assures you that your future life will be filled with glory, joy, and pleasures forevermore. And this future is imperishable, undefiled, will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you who are protected by the power of God. Yes, you and your inheritance are protected by the Lord our God Almighty; no one can alter His plans and no one can take you out of His loving hands. He has you and that is how it is always going to be; thus, you are always secure—always! It may not always seem safe, but no one is bigger, stronger, more powerful, or more attentive to your every thought and need than your Father and your lover Jesus.

And the Comforter will always lead you in truth. He will always lead you to your lover. He will always be the One to bind you to the Godhead. He is your connecting unity and you can rest in this truth. He will reveal to you the Word of God so it is alive in your soul; and, in Him you will be strong, immovable, always

abounding in the work of the Lord. He is your safety, your protection, and your strong fortress where you can run and hide. He is never too busy for you, and the access to His presence and His ear is always open for you. You never have to hesitate. He will never say that anything you come to Him with is stupid, annoying, dumb, or unimportant. You are important to Him and so is everything that is on your mind. In fact, He invites it and wants to hear everything you have to say. He wants you to come to Him all the time and to no other so He can then lead you in His ways, His mind, His understanding, and so on.

The point is that if you are a true believer, if you are a child of God, as a woman you are secure in Him. You can find your need for relationship, practical provision and protection, directional guidance, and spiritual security fully satisfied in Him; and in Him you will lack no good thing. With this as your truth, you can then let Him cause you to be submissive to your husband even when your husband does not do it right because you no longer look to your husband to meet those needs; rather, you have found those needs met in your true lover Jesus Christ.

Oh and guys, don't think this is only a woman thing. Collectively, we are the Lord's bride. So this need for security also exists within our soul as well, it is just epitomized and expressed in the construct of women. Remember, woman is the glory of man. She captures the very essence of the need for relational security which God has put into all of mankind. So strangely enough, this message is for you as well. And, believe me, I know we seek that same kind of relational security from God all the time and are always demanding that He proves to us that we are secure in Him. So stayed tuned to this teaching, it is for you as well.

I want everyone to focus on this next point. There are more reasons behind this

submitted relationship; and it has everything to do with the relationship between Christ as a man, our husband, and the church as His promised bride, his future wife. The typology between Christ and His bride is to be lived out between a husband and his wife. ***Ephesians 5:22-24*** gives us this typology and says that the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church and as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be subject to their husbands. It is a relational typology and as we have learned throughout our studies, God is big on typology and ensuring that His children fashion their lives accordingly.

In addition to the typology, there is this spiritual symbol of authority by which a man covers a woman because the angels are watching (***1 Corinthians 11:1-16***). We don't fully understand the extent of the spiritual conflict and dangers that exists in the unseen world; but this conflict is real and women, due to the way God created them to seek for security, are the most vulnerable of the genders. It's the same with the church. Due to its desire to constantly seek security in the midst of a tumultuous world, it is vulnerable and at risk to religious demonic deception. And as Christ is the head and protects the church, so man is given the responsibility to provide a spiritual covering and protection for their wives.

We may only understand this in part; but I want you to be aware that even this instruction, about women being in subjection to their husbands, is about fulfilling a woman's practical need for spiritual security from the forces of darkness. This is not a negative demand; and instead of thinking it means you are less valuable and are beneath men, you should understand it to mean that your worth is so great and so glorious that the Father, in His wisdom, has assured you a means of protection as He did with His church.

I want you to notice that this submission has a purpose: to win over your husbands in order that they might also choose to be obedient to the Word and live like an alien and stranger in this world, just like you do. You get the opportunity to do it different from most others so that they get the opportunity to live like few others. But the goal is winning over your man not beating up or conquering your man.

If you think about it, this is a brilliant battle tactic and goes to the nature of man. God has placed within man a fight that is part of his DNA. Unless severely damaged by this world and crushed, most men will naturally fight anything that comes against them. It is the way of men. If you come after them to control them, things are going to get ugly. Sometimes that fight is passive aggressive and they just ignore you or find a way to marginalize you as a woman (which as you know is pure torture to your soul), but it also has the potential of turning very aggressive and forceful. Women, this is not a battlefield in which you want to be found. The Lord has prescribed a different way. Look to Jesus to be your security and your satisfaction and in your fullness you will be able, by Him, to live in a submitted way with your husband.

The example you are to set is not lecturing or badgering (formally known as nagging) your husband. That is not your job. I know that in situations where you don't like what he is doing, everything in your body wants to say something to correct it for your sake and his. But from the perspective of a man that is an aggressive act, a retaliation for what he has done nor not done, which will usually result in an aggressive retort. But that is not following the present example which Jesus sets. Your job is not to lash out at him in retaliation but to continually entrust

yourself to Him who judges righteously knowing that if you bring your complaint to the Lord He will not just hear but He will move on your behalf. Remember, the passage we read last week? It is as powerful as it is comforting and assuring.

Luke 18:7-8

Will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly.

Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that you don't talk to and deal with your husband on the relational aspects of his behavior that are damaging or hurtful; but God wants to be your justice. There is a difference between retaliating with words in an attempt to control or hurt your husband and talking about and dealing with your relationship. It is the Father's job is to retaliate on your behalf and it is your job to appropriately deal with your husband.

Your example, it says is to win your husband without a word through your chaste (or pure) and respectful behavior. It is interesting that God chose those two adjectives, but again it goes to the nature of man. If you want to rouse the ire of man then you stab at his two greatest relational needs: to be respected and to know that his woman is true. This is not a way of a man talk, so I will not dive into these two things, but please appreciate the wisdom of God. He knows what a man needs in his marital relationship and what would totally destabilize him; and, by His Spirit, through a man's wife, He wants to provide it.

By the way, where it says chaste and respectful behavior, “behavior” is not a verb; so this is not talking about what you are to go do. This is not some set up for a \$300 class on what it means to be chaste and respectful in your marriage; and I will not provide you a checklist of behaviors that you can follow. Surprisingly, “behavior” is a noun, so it is talking about who you are in the Spirit. In Jesus, as a fruit of your relationship with Him, you will be respectful and chaste; it will be the fruit of your life and will flow from the Spirit of God. So you don’t need to worry about how to do it; you just need to know that if such adjectives don’t generally describe your life then you are not nearly as submitted to the Spirit as you would otherwise hope or think.

This next part of the passage goes to the heart of your identity. In **1:24-25**, the Spirit said, “People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. But the word of the Lord remains forever.” Therefore, women, your identity, your distinction, and what makes you special is not to be found in how well you can dress up what is dying; rather, it is to be found in the things that the Lord considers beautiful and most precious. Your true identity is to be found in Him not in you.

Follow me on this, “braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses” is a string of nouns not verbs. Please don’t misunderstand; this passage is not criticizing dressing up and looking good (we all love that; and if God lavishes beauty on the lilies, He is not against our enjoying your beauty). Rather, the Spirit is going after your heart and the source of where you find your identity or rather where you have made your identity. This is not a plea for women to go and dress like the Amish in simple clothing. I am sorry, that is not a sign of godliness and it is

simply a distortion of this passage. This is about your heart and your identity.

This is difficult. In this world, women are valued and made distinct and special by their looks and ability to make themselves physically beautiful. It is a message that is given to you from when you are small; and no matter what you do or where you go, it is always reinforced. And sadly, women who belong to God still fall prey to this mindset. Remember, everything is passing away; all beauty fades; therefore, you are not to bet your lives on trying to hold to something that simply is not going to last. Your beauty is a pleasure, it is a gift, and even to be greatly enjoyed, but it is not to be your attachment to this world nor the house in which you make your abode. Instead, you, your very personhood, is to be identified by the fact that you have been stamped in the blood and are the Lord's **beloved**.

Now, keep in mind, this distortion, this mindset, has been so engrained that most of you just live in it hardly aware it is happening. I believe that if you ask most women whether or not their identity is in their looks and adornments, they would likely and emphatically say no. But that is delusional and not what is proven out time after time. If it was not a problem of woman, the Spirit would not have addressed it. And, honestly, it is not just a problem of woman, but of man who sets that expectation on women. But God is not primarily concerned here with changing that dynamic; rather, He is concerned with changing you. He wants you to value what He values and to choose your identity in Him over your identity in this world.

What does the Lord value and what is not just precious but, in the Greek, extremely precious to Him? The hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit. Unlike the string of nouns when

dealing with the identity of the flesh, this is a string of adjectives putting description to the person of the heart: hidden, imperishable, gentle, and quite. First, it is hidden, meaning that what is most precious is what is inside, not your ability dress up what is dying. What is inside is imperishable, it will not fade away, get old, nor perish; it doesn't wrinkle or spot.

Now this word for gentle, is unique and is not the regular word for what we think gentleness would be, as in soft and tender. It is the same word Jesus used to describe Himself when He said in **Matthew 11:29**, "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart." And it is used to describe His triumphant entry in **Matthew 21:5**, "Say to the daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you gentle, and mounted on a donkey, even on a colt, the fowl of a beast of burden." So it is an attribute of Christ, not an attribute of humanity. It is the same word used in the fifth beatitude when He says in **Matthew 5:5**, "Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth."

This word is often translated as "meek" as such it is talking about a disposition of grace that bursts from the soul to the broken and needy (which in this case would include your husband). Jesus cannot be confused with some gentle, tender talking, mild mannered man; there is no reading of the gospels which can support that idea. Jesus was strong, but His strength was not dominating and controlling; He was not trying to rule anyone. Rather, His strength was used to confidently meet those who were in need and minister to their need from His abounding grace and it was used to speak the truth to those who lived in darkness bound by lies. I believe these are the characteristics that God is looking for in a woman.

As far as a quite spirit, the Greek word does not mean one who does not speak

or have an opinion. Absolutely not. It means one who is internally peaceable and as a result of being settled in their spirit causes no disturbance to others. It is again a picture of great strength and power in the Spirit of God, but a power and strength yielded to the Father. I believe another way to understand this idea is liken a quite spirit to the fruit of the Spirit which is self-control. It is not seeking its own and is not out to toss over the tables; rather, it is steady, stable, and secure.

Meekness (strength under control filled with grace) and a settled spirit (no longer looking to rule your man) are attributes which are exceedingly precious in the sight of God. And these can be yours in the Spirit when you bet your life on these truths. Your job is not to rule your man, control your man, or even fix your man; your job is to give yourself so fully to Jesus that you don't need to take from your husband because you are satisfied in Jesus. As I said before, this does not mean you don't deal with relational issues with your husband and even fight it out if necessary, it just means that in the Spirit you can find and enjoy a cure to the curse.

Let's stop here and pick up next week in **3:5** and continue with the examples of this manner of living.

Let's pray