

## **In Pursuit of Intimacy**

1 Peter 3:1-12

*“Therefore shall a man leave his mother and father and shall cleave unto his wife, and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked and not ashamed.”* —Genesis 2:24-25 (KJV)

**Cleave is a strong verb of action.**

Demanding our rights yields independence.

Sacrificing self for another yields community.

**Sacrifice is where true intimacy begins.**

### **1. Wives be submissive.**

*“...in the same way be submissive to your husbands.”*

—1 Peter 3:1

**All submission reflects the obedient suffering of Jesus Christ.**

*“To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.”*

—1 Peter 2: 21

**“Go into all the world and spread the gospel, use words if necessary.”**

—St. Francis of Assisi

**If you are suffering abuse, leave now!**

**Call me, I will get you help.**

**Verbal, physical, drug abuse, sexual perversion, alcoholism—leave now!**

### **2. Husbands be considerate and respect.**

*“...in the same way be considerate...and treat them [wives] with respect.”* —1 Peter 3:7

**Court—dress up, fix up, buy gifts, open doors, speak softly, lovingly, spend time.**

**Sacrifice, commitment, and service open the door to sexual and spiritual intimacy.**

*<sup>8</sup>Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. <sup>9</sup>Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. —1 Peter 3:8, 9*

**Lord, bless \_\_\_\_\_, I love him/her, and I know you do too.**

**You cannot fight or treat harshly someone you are praying for.**

Memory Verse:

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