



ALIEN

Living in a Chaotic World

1 PETER

Umbrella Verses

“Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

1 Peter 2:11-12



Alien Living in a Chaotic World

Ambassadors for Jesus represent Him in this chaotic world by:

1. Living with integrity within ourselves.
2. Living with integrity within the world.



Difficult Social Spheres

1. Submitting to governing authorities
2. Working for mean masters.
3. Loving spouses in difficult marriages.
4. Getting along with others



Ancient Life for Women

“A wife ought not to make friends on her own, but to enjoy her husband’s friends in common with him. The gods are the first and most important friends. Therefore it is becoming for a wife to worship and know only the gods that her husband believes in, and to shut the front door tight upon all peculiar rituals and outlandish superstition [Eastern religions like Judaism and Christianity and the worship of Isis...]”

Plutarch, 1st Century Greco-Roman Philosopher

Peter's Main Concern: The Wife's Safety

“In society's eyes these women were already highly insubordinate just by virtue of their Christian commitment, and Peter is concerned that they not compound the difficulty by abrasive or troublesome behavior...Peter's unqualified advice to Christian wives to 'defer to your husbands' must be seen in this light.”

J. Ramsey Michaels, Word Biblical Commentary: 1 Peter



Relating it to Our World

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vv.1-2



Ancient Adornment

“The gaudy adornments of women of wealth, meant to draw attention to themselves, were repeatedly condemned in ancient literature and speeches...”

Craig Keener, The IVP Bible Backgrounds Commentary: NT



God Looks at the Heart

“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

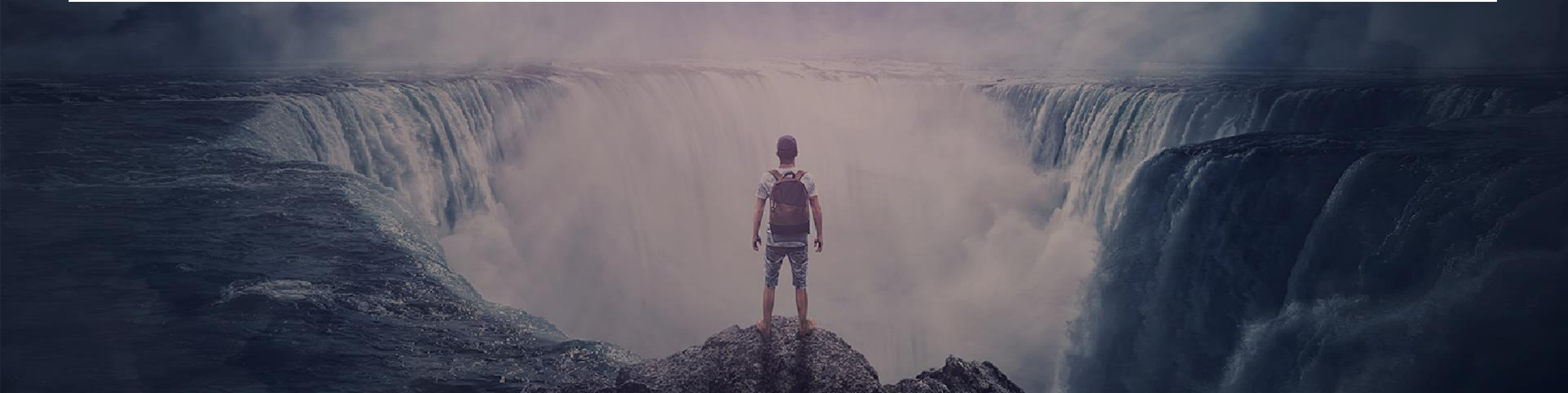
1 Samuel 16:7



Valuing What God Values

“Today, when the world’s values governed by materialism, self-assertion, and sex obsession are seeping into the church, Peter’s words need to be taken seriously.”

Edwin Blum, *The Expositor’s Bible Commentary: Vol. 12*



Gentle: The Character of Jesus

“Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am *gentle* and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

Matthew 11:29

“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, *gentle* and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’”

Matthew 21:5

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Sarah's Example

1. Followed Abraham's call from God to move into a foreign land (Gen. 12)
2. Agreed to pretend she was his sister (Gen. 12/20)
3. Let Abraham sell the best land to Lot (Gen. 13)
4. Endured the near sacrifice of her son (Gen. 22)



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Honor and Protect Your Wife

“It normally was quite easy for a husband to abuse his wife physically or sexually, or, because of his social power, including the power to divorce, intimidate her emotionally. All of this Peter rules out: especially because of her vulnerability he is to be sure to honor her in word and deed; rather than exploiting his power or denying that he has it, he lends it to her.”

Peter Davids, *The New Int'l Commentary on the NT: 1 Peter*





Leadership: 1 Timothy 3:4

“One that ruleth well his own house...”

King James Version

“He must manage his own family well...”

New International Version

Proisthemi – “to lead, rule over, manage”





True
Leadership =
Selfless
Servanthood

Relevant for Today?

“The church today is right to uphold a biblical order within marriage that mirrors the relationship of Christ and his church, but it should also follow Peter’s wisdom and refrain from trying to specify what that must look like in every case.”

Karen Jobes, Baker Exegetical Commentary on the NT: 1 Peter



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Husbands:

1. Cherish your wife. V.7
2. Protect her vulnerabilities. V.7
3. Honor her as a spiritual equal in Christ. V.7



