**Marriage Part I: “It Doesn’t Have to be that Way”**

**1 Peter 3:1-7**

**I. An Ideal Example**

1 Pet 3:5-6

**II. A Work in Progress**

**A) Debunking the myth of the “perfect” wife**

1) She was manipulating the promise of God out of unbelief and discontentment *see* Gen 16:2

2) She takes an unwise leadership role that is not sanctioned by God see Gen 16:2

3) She blamed Abraham for Hagar’s attitude see Gen 16:5

4) She wasn’t always “saintly” and kind as might be implied from 1 Pet 3:5-6 see Gen 16:6

5) Rather than trusting God she mocks His love and power Gen 18:12

 **B) Debunking the myth of the “perfect” husband** see Genesis 12:11-13

1) Abraham was cowardly - contrast with Jesus John 18:7-8

 2) Abraham was acting in unbelief

 3) Caved to his wife’s plan to subvert God’s plan see Gen 16:2

4) Despised God’s plan of salvation

**III. A Plan to be Followed**

**A) A Word to Wives**

1) Be subject to your own husbands

 2) Win over your husband w/out a word by your conduct

 a) respectful

 b) pure

 3) “Hidden person of the heart”

 a) gentle

 b) quiet spirit

 **B) A Word to Husbands**

1) An understanding way

 2) Showing honor

 a) verbally

 b) actions

 3) Co-heirs of the grace of life