

# CROSSINGS

When Faith Intersects Culture: *Value Marriage*

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*“Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.”*

**1 Peter 2:12 (NLT)**

*“Give honor to marriage, and remain faithful to one another in marriage.”*

**Hebrews 13:4 (NLT)**

## We honor God and influence the value of marriage as...

### I. Wives...

- **Choose to** \_\_\_\_\_

*“In the same way, you wives must accept the authority of your husbands. Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be won over by observing your pure and reverent lives.”*

**1 Peter 3:1-2 (NLT)**

*“But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.”*

**Acts 5:29 (NLT)**

- **Give the gift of** \_\_\_\_\_

*“Don’t be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes. You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.”*

**1 Peter 3:3-4 (NLT)**

- **Prefer to** \_\_\_\_\_

*“This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They trusted God and accepted the authority of their husbands. For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her master. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.”*

**1 Peter 3:5-6(NLT)**

## II. Husbands...

*"In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered."*

**1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)**

- **Become a \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"Treat your wife with understanding as you live together."*

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*"She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life."*

*"There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus."*

**Galatians 3:28 (NLT)**

- **Influence \_\_\_\_\_**  
*"Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered."*

*Jesus—"The greatest among you must be a servant. But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."*

**Matthew 23:11-12 (NLT)**

**The key to the Marriage Dance:**

**Focus on \_\_\_\_\_, not**

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