



LEGACY 242

5-Day Couple's Devotional: Honoring One Another in Marriage

From 1 Peter 3:1-7 and the sermon "Help! I'm Married to a Sinner!"

Day 1: Choosing Honor Over Contempt

Principle: Contempt tears down. Honor builds up.

Read Together: 1 Peter 3:1-2

Also Read: Proverbs 15:1

Reflect Together:

Talk about what honor looks like in your marriage. Contempt often starts small—in sarcasm, dismissiveness, or stonewalling. But Peter calls us to reflect Jesus by showing respect, even when it's hard. When one spouse struggles spiritually, the other's faithful, respectful conduct can shine the light of Christ.

Contempt is easy. Honor takes effort. But it's worth it.

Discuss Together:

- Where have we allowed small signs of contempt to creep in?
- How can we intentionally choose honor this week?

Pray Together:

Take turns praying out loud for one another. Ask the Lord to help you see and celebrate the good in each other. Pray specifically for ways to show honor in your words and actions today.

Date Night Idea:

Write down three things you admire about your spouse and share them over dinner. Then pray together thanking God for those qualities.

Day 2: True Beauty, Fearless Trust

Principle: Godly character is more precious than physical appearance.

Read Together: 1 Peter 3:3-6

Also Read: Proverbs 31:30

Reflect Together:

Peter challenges wives to prioritize inner beauty—a gentle and quiet spirit that trusts God deeply. This doesn't mean being passive or invisible. It means being strong in spirit and fearless in faith. Husbands, your role is to **see**, encourage, and affirm that beauty.

Honor grows where trust and safety are nurtured. Let your marriage be a place where character is cultivated and celebrated.

Discuss Together:

- What are we each doing to grow in godly character?
- How can we affirm each other's spiritual growth?

Pray Together:

Pray for one another's heart and character. Ask God to grow gentleness, strength, trust, and faith in your lives. Speak encouragement over each other as you pray.

Date Night Idea:

Take a walk together and talk about how you each came to know Jesus. Reflect on what you've seen God develop in each other's character since then.

Day 3: Honor is a Husband's Calling

Principle: Husbands are to lead with love, empathy, and strength under control.

Read Together: 1 Peter 3:7

Also Read: Proverbs 20:5

Reflect Together:

Husbands, honoring your wife means knowing her deeply. Understand her emotional world. Support her spiritually. Protect her physically. Your leadership is not about dominance—it's about Christlike service.

Wives, your encouragement fuels your husband's growth. Speak life into his efforts to honor you.

Discuss Together:

- Husbands: What makes your wife feel most honored?
- Wives: How can you support and pray for your husband as he leads?

Pray Together:

Husbands, pray first for your wife—her heart, her calling, her strength. Wives, pray for your husband's leadership, tenderness, and growth. Thank God together for the gift of each other.

Date Night Idea:

Have a "favorites" night—cook or order your favorite meal, play your favorite music, and ask each other about favorite memories from your marriage so far.

Day 4: Grace for Imperfect Spouses

Principle: We are both sinners in need of grace—and Jesus gives us all we need.

Read Together: 1 Peter 2:21-25

Also Read: Psalm 103:10-12

Reflect Together:

The gospel reminds us: *You married a sinner. And so did your spouse.* Honor requires grace. You will fail each other. But Jesus is your supply—His example, His power, and His presence.

When marriage gets hard, don't run from each other. Run to Christ. And run together.

Discuss Together:

- Where do we each need more grace from one another?
- How can we better turn to Jesus in the middle of our messes?

Pray Together:

Pray honestly for each other's struggles. Confess where you've fallen short and ask for forgiveness. Then thank God for His grace and ask for renewed strength to love as Jesus loves.

Date Night Idea:

Watch your wedding video or look through wedding photos together. Talk about what you've learned about grace since that day.

Day 5: Marriage on Mission

Principle: Honor strengthens your marriage and glorifies Christ.

Read Together: 1 Peter 3:1-7 (review)

Also Read: Proverbs 3:3-4

Reflect Together:

Your marriage is more than a relationship—it's a reflection of the gospel. When you honor each other, you don't just experience deeper love; you also bear witness to a watching world. Your marriage is a ministry.

Choose honor. Choose grace. Choose to reflect Jesus—together.

Discuss Together:

- What's one area we can grow in mutual honor this week?
- How can our marriage be more missional and Christ-centered?

Pray Together:

Pray that your marriage would reflect Jesus to your kids, your friends, and your neighbors. Ask God to help you love each other in a way that makes people want to know Him.

Date Night Idea:

Dream together—where do you want your marriage to be in 5 years spiritually? What kind of legacy do you want to leave? Write it down and pray over it together.