

AN UNCOMMON LOVE in relationships

Reviewing 1 Peter 1+2, introducing 1 Peter 3

Introduction:

STANDING FIRM

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1 Peter 5:12 Through Silvanus, our faithful brother (for so I regard him), I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it!

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so you won't live INSECURE in relationships 1:1-5**

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**#2 You have Christ now and heaven later,
don't be afraid of relationship STRUGGLES 1:6-9ff**

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1 Relationships are designed to SHOW OFF our God

2 Relationships start with TURNING to Christ

3 Relationships must function by TRUTH

4 Relationships are designed for your GROWTH

5 Relationships are a NEEDED study

Please take time to work through these QUESTIONS designed for marrieds and singles

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- 3 What are some ways Christians show insecurity in their marriage or relationships and what can they do to overcome those types of fears?
- 4 How should Godly submission be seen in your life toward police, elders, teachers and parents? Is it?
- 5 Why is involvement in a local church family so overlooked by many Christians? And how can a local church actually help your marriage or relationships grow stronger - be specific?
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