

## PRAY

1. Leaders in worship: Pastor Rickey Primrose, Brandon Ramey & the Worship Ministry.
2. God will meet with us through His word and by His Spirit, lead us to worship Christ and grow in Christ-likeness.
3. God will help us to be a church of zeal and hope, passionate about ministry and confident in His promises.
4. God will make us more passionate about and obedient to His mission of leading people to trust and follow Christ.

## MUSIC

### PRELUDE MUSIC

#### Hallelujah For The Cross

by Ben Glover, Chris McClarney, and Jeff Pardo

### CORPORATE SINGING

#### Grateful

by Chris Brown, Matthew Ntlele, Stefan Green, and Steven Furtick

### TIME OF PRAYER

#### 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

## PREPARE FOR THE MESSAGE

Living A Blessed Life In A Bitter World | 1 Peter 3:8-12

We continue our journey in 1 Peter this Sunday by walking through 3:8-12. As you meditate on our text for Sunday, consider the title, "Peacemaker." What are the attitudes and actions of a peacemaker?

Meditate on the attitudes of a peacemaker that Peter provides in 3:8. Then, consider what it means to respond to evil committed against you with "blessing." What is a blessing? Finally, what is the reward for those who live as a peacemaker according to this passage? Do you think the "blessing" Peter is talking about refers to the blessing we receive at the end of this age, or rather, blessings we receive during this present age?

Matthew 5:9 echoes all throughout this passage: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Peacemaking is a key part of living as God's chosen exiles!

## LYRICS

### Grateful

#### VERSE 1

This is the day that You have made  
Whatever comes I wont complain  
For all my hope is in Your name  
And now Your joy awaits my praise

#### CHORUS

I give thanks for all You have done  
And I will sing of Your mercy and Your love  
Your love is unfailing Lord I am grateful  
I give thanks for all You have done  
I wont forget all the battle You have won  
Your love is unfailing Lord I am grateful

#### VERSE 2

When I was down You brought me out  
You set my feet on higher ground  
So here I stand You are my God  
Your faithfulness my solid rock

#### BRIDGE

And as we lift our hands up  
Heavens open, heavens open  
So let our lives declare the love  
Our God has spoken over us

#### CHORUS

### 10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

#### CHORUS

Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name

#### VERSE 1

The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes

#### CHORUS

#### VERSE 2

You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find

#### CHORUS

## RESPOND TO THE SERMON

**Sunday, Sep. 23 "Understand Your Wife"**

1 Peter 3:7 | Rickey Primrose

**Truth:** The phrase "live with your wives in an understanding way" means, "live with your wives according to knowledge." There is a knowledge we must have that informs the way in which we love them. Without that understanding we are incapable of living with them in a way that honors God.

**Truth:** Husbands must understand their wives' value. Honor refers to inherent value or significance. Husbands are to understand that their wives are significant and valuable in the eyes of God, and to treat her in accord with that knowledge.

**Response:** Examine how much you truly know about your wife. Do you give more study to your football team, or other hobby, than your wife? Husbands, become a better student of your wife. Ask her this week, "What could I do to make you feel more honored and respected?"

**Truth:** Husbands must understand their wives' vulnerabilities. Peter isn't suggesting that women are inferior to men. The word "vessel" refers to the human body (1 Thess. 4:4). In general, women are physically weaker than men. Treat your wife in a manner that understands that truth. This section has been addressed to those most vulnerable in a relationship. Society left women extremely vulnerable in a marriage and Peter wants us to understand that.

**Response:** Prayerfully consider where your wife is most

vulnerable. Society pressures? Work pressures? Family issues and relationships? What are some specific ways you can help protect and provide for her in these areas?

**Truth:** Husbands must understand their wives' identity. Men do not possess any spiritual benefit that women do not also possess. God has specific assignments, purposes, and plans for your wife. Empower her to seize those God-given purposes and to utilize her God-given gifts.

**Response:** What is your reaction as a husband when your wife comes to you with something God is leading her to? Do you automatically think about how that will hinder your own ambitions and agendas?

**Truth:** Peter closes with a sobering statement on the consequences of not treating your wife with understanding. Your fellowship and communion with God are dependent upon how you treat your wife.

**Response:** Are you praying diligently for something but feel the prayers are going unanswered? Have you considered that how you are treating your wife may have an influence? Ask your wife how you can pray for her this week.

## FAMILY RESPONSE

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**Truth:** The world tells us that men and women are so different they will never understand each other. The Bible does not give us permission to be apathetic about our differences. In fact, husbands are commanded to love and care for their wives with such a high degree of skillful understanding that the wives feel prized and protected.

**Response:** Consider well how you are training up your sons. Yes, they need to know the difference between a flathead and a Phillips, red means positive and black means negative, and measure twice cut once. However, do not neglect to teach your sons how to be understanding husbands. Step one is learning how to learn about their wives. That means they must ask questions, listen to conversations, and observe her emotional responses, not just her physical responses. Step two is acting for her benefit based upon what they've learned. This might look like adjusting the way you communicate, giving her preference over other personal interests/hobbies, or leading in a way that displays your thoughtfulness of her.

**Response:** "Likewise," to borrow one of Peter's transition words, your daughters must learn what to expect of godly husbands not just how to act like a godly wife. Set the bar high for the kind of man she'll give her heart to because you've modeled it well before her to your wife. Leave no room for her to doubt how much you prize your wife.