

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 11

#### The Year of Sowing – Honor – Husbands Honor your Wife

*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)



**Prayer Focus:** How many problems in marriages, including Christian marriages, would be solved if husbands took seriously this command from the Lord? In many if not most cultures, men are filled with ideas that somehow they can lord it over their wives, sometimes leading to psychological or physical abuse. But God gives us a different picture of how a husband should treat his wife. He is to give her honor, he is to treat her with understanding, and recognize and treat her as an equal partner in God's gift of salvation. Husbands must not look down upon their wives as somehow inferior, but rather as partners in serving God together. Honoring your wife means giving her the honor that God gives when he says that she is more precious than rubies (Proverbs 31:10). Peter tells us here that when husbands do not honor their wives in this way, that their prayers are hindered. There is a spiritual connection between how a husband treats his wife, and the spiritual health of the marriage, and the spiritual impact of their prayers. Do not neglect this very important way of living out honor in the family, and in the church. God will hold husbands accountable for how they treat their wives.

- Day 1:** Husbands, do you truly live in a way that you are honoring your wife for who she is?
- Day 2:** Repent for all the ways you have not honored your wife, or have treated her in a demeaning manner.
- Day 3:** Pray for the Lord to teach you how to honor your wife as an equal partner in the kingdom.
- Day 4:** Pray for the husbands in your church to take this word from God seriously in their marriages.
- Day 5:** Pray together about his matter and if need be repent for ways this word has not been lived out in your family.
- Day 6:** Pray for husbands in other churches in your city to live out this word to honor their wives.
- Day 7:** Pray that missionaries will have wisdom to teach this Biblical principle in other cultures.