



## DISCUSSION GUIDE MAY 9, 2021

### Dive In

- How has our culture treated women in the past?
- How has our culture sought to rectify the treatment of women?
- Do we, as a church, honor women? How?

### Dig Deep

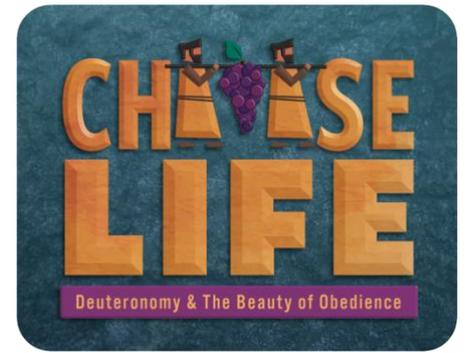
**Scripture: Deuteronomy 21:10-21**

**10** When you go to war against your enemies and the LORD your God delivers them into your hands and you take captives, **11** if you notice among the captives a beautiful woman and are attracted to her, you may take her as your wife. **12** Bring her into your home and have her shave her head, trim her nails **13** and put aside the clothes she was wearing when captured. After she has lived in your house and mourned her father and mother for a full month, then you may go to her and be her husband and she shall be your wife. **14** If you are not pleased with her, let her go wherever she wishes. You must not sell her or treat her as a slave, since you have dishonored her. **15** If a man has two wives, and he loves one but not the other, and both bear him sons but the firstborn is the son of the wife he does not love, **16** when he wills his property to his sons, he must not give the rights of the firstborn to the son of the wife he loves in preference to his actual firstborn, the son of the wife he does not love. **17** He must acknowledge the son of his unloved wife as the firstborn by giving him a double share of all he has. That son is the first sign of his father's strength. The right of the firstborn belongs to him. **18** If someone has a stubborn and rebellious son who does not obey his father and mother and will not listen to them when they discipline him, **19** his father and mother shall take hold of him and bring him to the elders at the gate of his town. **20** They shall say to the elders, "This son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey us. He is a glutton and a drunkard." **21** Then all the men of his town are to stone him to death. You must purge the evil from among you. All Israel will hear of it and be afraid.

- What attitude on the part of God toward women lies behind these instructions in this text?
- What is to be a man's attitude as a husband and father in this text toward a wife and mother? How does this reflect God's justice and love?
- Why the severe penalty of rebellious children in verses 18-21 (note Deuteronomy 5:16)?

### Do Big

- What are tangible ways you can honor a woman this week? Be specific.
- How can we change our thinking about what it means to honor women?



## LEADERS

### For Context Read:

**Deuteronomy 21: 10-21;**  
**Ephesians 5:15-6:4.**

### Challenge:

As we seek to honor the women around us and especially those who have blessed our lives in so many ways look for opportunities to share your respect and love with them. Here are some ways to start:

- Pray for them.
- Send a thoughtful note.
- Tell them how they have blessed your life.
- Flowers are nice...helping extra around the house is nicer.
- What are your ideas on ways to honor special women in your life as well as women who you interact with?

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"Honor one another above yourselves."

**Romans 12:10b**

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

**Ephesians 5:21**