

A Practical Study of 1 PETER:

Practice for Suffering Saints

“How Suffering Fits in the Father’s Plan”

Key Verse: 1 Peter 5:10

“But the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, shall himself make you complete, shall establish you, shall make you strong, shall ground you as on a foundation.”

Pattern Number Six – When One Plus One Equals One **1 Peter 3:1-7**

Key Verses 3:1, 7

As you have found I am quite a fan of the Radio Bible Class and the little *Daily Bread* booklet, as Pearl and I read this booklet every day along with *Daily with the King* by W. Glen Evans. So we have something

v. 1 In like manner, wives, be putting yourselves in subjection to your own husbands in order that even though certain ones are disbelieving the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

And biblically every passage that teaches it—and you see it at least three times here in these epistles—that the wife is to be submissive to her husband.

Now why is that hard? I'll tell you why it's hard. You've got an ego. You've got pride.

I have yet in all my years of ministry ever met a woman—or a man for that fact—who has ever said “Oh goody! I get to submit! Where can I?”

Instead I hear this often: “When don't I have to submit?”

In other words, when do I have an excuse not to be submissive in this relationship?

I find people who are more interested in arranging compromises than they are in obeying commands. That's just by nature that we're like this.

Eardman in his little commentary on this says:

This command of submission does not at all imply that the wife is in any way inferior to the husband, neither does it mean that the wife must carry her submission to the extreme of disobeying God at the command of her husband. The Word of God must always take precedence over that of any human being.

A fellow by the name of Michael John Deppe graduated from Dallas Seminary and he wrote his dissertation on SUBMISSION. And he came to the conclusion that the idea of submission encompasses **THREE THINGS**:

1. It encompasses the idea of **OBEDIENCE**.
2. It encompasses the idea of **AUTHORITY**.
3. It encompasses the idea of **CONTROL** and **DIRECTION**—**ORGANIZATION**.

Now, James exhorts the believers to allow God to control their lives. Thus the submissive wife should allow her husband the control, the direction in which her life is going.

Now the purpose of this admonition—you see it in the text—is in the next phrase:

“in order that [there's your **PURPOSE**] even though certain ones disbelieving the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.”

What is the wife's greatest witness to a husband who is not a Christian? **SUBMISSION**.

I can't believe it. Now it's been hard on some of you dealing with this business of submission to authority that's over you—to want to question the authority. Alright, now just let's put another bee in your bonnet.

How about a wife submitting herself to an unsaved husband? That's what it says.

The picture here is a picture of two pagans that have gotten married. Now one of them has become a Christian—it's the wife. Now how is she supposed to witness to him?

Certainly she has every reason not to be submissive now because he doesn't care diddly about spiritual things. I've heard that a lot.

As though that's the big excuse. "My husband's not a Christian so do I have to submit to that?"

Well—read the text. Yes!

You see, we've got the idea that we know better how to win our husbands to Christ. We put tracts under their pillows. We put books by their bedstand. We put tapes in the player in the car, praying that on the way to work they'll hear it.

We lay out their suit for Sunday morning. We put them on a horrendous guilt trip when they don't want to have family devotions or read the Bible at the table or to pray and ask grace.

We've got this wild idea about what's going to make a spiritual leader in the home and so we try to pour the man into the mold. We just don't flat pour many male mentalities into the

kind of mold that you ladies would like to have.

I'm just telling you something. This really works. The minute you are in a situation where you have a person, who's a husband who's not a Christian, and you start following this pattern—I want to tell you something—ultimately that guy's going to come to Jesus Christ. He's probably going to make it awful rough on you for a while. When you come right down to it, the witness of the wife—the fragrance of her life—is going to bring that husband to Jesus Christ.

I almost cried when I read Saint Augustine in his confessions about his mom. This is what he says:

When she came to marriageable age, she was bestowed upon a husband and served him as her lord and she did all she could to win him for thee, speaking to him of thee by her deportment, whereby thou madest her beautiful and reverently loveable and admirable to her husband. Finally, when her husband was now at the very end of his earthly life, she won him unto thee.

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Well, there it is. You know, I was testing this principle so much that I'll never forget that.

We had a Bible conference back in the 70's—the early 70's—with the American Airlines stewardess college. We had Hal Lindsey come as a speaker and his wife Jan and his children, for the weekend. It was just after he had released *The Late*,

Great Planet Earth and there was a great deal of interest and so we had a lot of couples together.

One of the guys that I was working with was Dr. Bobby Brown who is now president of the American League—a very prominent surgeon in Fort Worth. He played third base for the New York Yankees in the heyday of Bobby Richardson and the rest of the crew—the old Yankee greats.

He and his wife Sarah were coming to my Bible class and Sarah was a BSF leader and one of the most fragrant personalities. And Bobby came to this conference and I had a chance after the study to lead him to Christ. And while we were praying together he says “Oh Don, before we pray I want to just tell you something. The only reason I’m sitting here talking with you about Jesus is because of Sarah.”

You know, there it is. Here in a situation where years of relationship had gone on—she’d been consistent. She probably had faced a lot of disappointments and discouragement. And yet her consistent witness for Christ and the fragrance of her life brought him to Jesus Christ.

See that word “disbelieving”? In the Greek text that word actually doesn’t only mean “I’m an agnostic” but it means “I am an adamant agnostic.”

In other words, there might be some verbal abuse. There might be some things that are done that are going to be hurtful, that can be conveyed in this particular word.

William Barclay, again one of my favorite commentators on New Testament books, says this about the wife's responsibility:

He tells her something very simple. He tells her nothing else than to be a good wife, by the silent preaching of the loveliness of her life she must break down the barriers of prejudice, hostility and win her husband for her new master. She must be submissive. It is a note a cringing and spineless submission that is meant. It is the submission that which someone has finally put it "it is a voluntary selflessness". It is the submission which is based on the death of pride, the abusing of self, and the instinctive desire to serve. It is not the submission of fear. She must be pure, there must be in her life a lovely chastity, and a fidelity which is founded on love. She must be reverent, she must live in the condition that the whole world is the temple of God, and all life is lived in the presence of Christ. The wife who became a Christian would have neither her troubles nor her sorrows to seek, her only weapon must be the silent preaching of a lovely life.

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Of course, this whole business of submission is seen in Jesus as He, during those 30 years prior to His public ministry, submitted Himself to the authority of Mary and Joseph and lived under that authority during those years.

Now, the interesting thing here, it says "without a word." That's hard isn't it ladies? You want to underline that word or

you just want to cross it out.

I love Stedman on this. And no offense Peggy, this just cracked me up:

It simply means to nag him. It is clearly nagging that is in view here [Stedman says]. I heard of a man who called his wife Peg although she really had another name. Someone asked him why did he do this and he said, "Well, Peg is short for Pegases. And Pegases was an immortal horse and an immortal horse is an everlasting nag. That's why I call my wife Peg.
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Oh dear!

Ok, look at verse 2. We're just moving right along. Have you all noticed something too that there are six verses devoted to women and only one to us men?

Verse 2.

v. 2 having observed your pure manner of life with a reverential fear.

Peter is saying that this disbelieving husband is won by what he sees rather than what he hears. He is won by the life rather than the lip.

Oh I wish the focus could more and more get on witnessing in

that way. You know, that the fragrance of your life provides the opportunities for evangelism. But we turn that all around

Now there are some words here in these next couple of three verses that are a little troublesome. Let's look at them together and face up to it here.

Verse 3.

v. 3 Let your adornment not be the outward adorning with braiding the hair and wearing gold ornaments or putting on clothing;

“Let your adornment not be the outward adorning with braiding the hair and wearing gold ornaments or putting on clothing;”

Now this verse has been really run into the ground by the legalists. They've gone so far as to say that you're not supposed to wear makeup and jewelry and all that. And the only problem I got with a legalist, if you're going to be real honest here, they're going to be naked legalists.

And we aren't too far from that I want to tell you.

“Let your adornment not be the outward adorning with the braiding of hair, wearing of gold ornaments and putting on clothing.”

The obvious thing is, you can spend an awful lot of time painting up the outside and thank God for what you can do with what you've got. Make the best out of it. God wants that to only affirm what's on the inside. Don't buy the stuff that, you're spiritual if you're not painted up and your hair is straggling straight and you're wearing clothes like something that came out of a Glad bag from Salvation Army or something.

That's not spirituality. We don't neglect the outward man. We take care to make it as attractive as possible—to be fashionable. But all he's saying is that women, by nature, can spend too much time painting up the exterior and neglecting the interior that people don't see.

A well-balanced woman is a woman who is cultivating the inner spirit and that which is beautiful on the outside. That she does spend time as far as her hair and jewelry and clothes are things that husband's love. We love beauty. We're created for that. So don't go off on this thing and think you're spiritual doing some of these things.

Verse 4. See, there it is—CONTRAST.

v. 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God very costly.

He focuses on the fact just like Jesus. Jesus had a “gentle and quiet spirit” when He was going to the cross. He didn't revile

in return. He didn't lose it. He didn't become vocal under the stress.

"Gentle and quiet spirit"—committed it all to him who judges righteously. And all Peter is saying is, the woman's primary responsibility in the marriage relationship is to cultivate the inner "hidden person of the heart." And that is manifested by a "gentle and quiet spirit" rather than being overly concerned about painting everything up on the outside—wearing certain kinds of clothes and all that.

James 1:9

My brethren, be quick to hear and slow to speak and slow to anger.

It's the "gentle and quiet spirit."

Now he uses an Old Testament illustration here—verse 5:

v. 5 For thus formerly also the holy women, the ones who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, putting themselves in subjection to their own husbands.

You see, they were "holy women...who hoped in God." They "adorn themselves" with the inner adorning of the hidden person. They were "putting themselves in subjection to their own husbands."

Verse 6.

v. 6 As Sarah used to obey Abraham, calling him lord, whose children you become if you are doing good and not fearing any terror.

And so he just takes Abraham here and uses him in an illustration.

So basically for the women, it's cultivating the inner person and is manifested in a "gentle and quiet spirit," which has learned what it is to be creatively submissive in their relationship.

And I don't see any problem with that. I think you want to work through all that in your own thinking and mind and apply it to your marriage.

Now let's get down to the real problem. Here we've got the husbands. To hear everybody speak, where are we at men? We can also say "Save the best until the last."

v. 7 Husbands, in like manner, be living with your wives according to knowledge, showing honor unto the woman as the weaker vessel (sex); as to those who are also joint heirs of the grace of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

Margaret Hardisty wrote a little book called *Forever My Love* and I think it's out of print. I'm sorry that it is. It's a good little book.

Happily enough, there are still men about who consider women special and treat them that way. They don't hide behind the old man's tale that "Women ain't ladies no more, so I ain't bein' no gennulman." I suspect any man who feels that way was never a gentleman in the first place.

Being a real man will have a tremendous effect on your children, too. God helps us if all our children see in us is a lust-laden, weak generation that is so desperate for acceptance it has to smoke, drink, commit adultery and curse in order to gain it. Then what was once a bid for acceptance eventually becomes a motivation for living. The kids are sickened by it, and turned off, even though they follow right along in the "venerated" footsteps.

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Now, what are men supposed to do in the marriage relationship? Well, let's look at it a little more closely. As he turns to us he has TWO THINGS he wants to say:

1. "be living with your wives according to knowledge"

Now men, that's impossible. Did you ever know of any man that you've ever met that understood a woman? I mean, have you found one?

And here we're told right out of the bag, we're to live with our "wives according to knowledge."

2. “showing honor unto the woman as the weaker vessel...as those who are also heirs of the grace of life.”

Now, the purpose behind those two admonitions is in that next phrase:

“in order that your prayers may not be hindered.”

Now, we need to deal with those three things. We need to talk for a few minutes about what it means to live with our “wives according to knowledge.” And then how we “show honor” and why it’s so critical that our relationship affects our spiritual life, as we’re going to see in the last phrase. Let’s zero in now for just a second. Seriously.

First admonition: “be living with your wives according to knowledge.”

Now is that easy? Well the women are all saying “sure it is.” And the men are saying “No it’s not. That’s hard.” Why? Because women are different than men. And basically if you are “living with your wives according to knowledge” this morning, I’m saying it involves 4 C’s:

1. **CONSIDERATE**—her needs are different than your needs and you must learn to live in that realm and be considerate of that.
2. **COMMUNICATE**—but you say that’s the hardest thing in the world. She always wants me to talk. Talk, talk,

talk. That's the way God made her. She's got a curiosity. Her security is dependent upon what she hears. And the words you speak or the vibes that she picks up and she was created that way.

3. CONCERN—concerned enough to be motivated to meet her specific needs. Not only considerate of her, but concerned enough to meet those needs when they come.
4. CAREFUL—careful as to timing, as to circumstances, and events that surround it.

But the frustration's there, isn't it? Because sometimes we really think we know their needs and we really don't.

I got so tickled this morning. Our Lord never let's me have a chance to teach something like this but I get a real good opportunity to practice it.

You know men how it is and how you kind of feel a little guilty about neglect because you've been so consumed with what you're doing so you want to do something nice for your wife? Can you identify with this?

I'm getting up see. I didn't run this morning. It's the first time since I can remember being at TrailWest that I finked out on you. But after cutting that rug until after 9:00 last night and all the other things, I was kind of bonkers. And besides, I didn't have this lesson ready yet, I needed to work on it some more. And so I didn't run today.

And so I'm sitting there at the desk, see, and I'm studying my notes on marriage here. I'm working on this section. I'm supposed to understand Pearl's needs and I want to be a good illustration when I come in here to class. I was really sensitive to her needs.

And so about halfway through my passage here, as I'm working it, all of a sudden I hear the water running in the tub and I'm thinking Pearl's getting ready to take a bath. She's gone down after those runners every morning. Why don't I just surprise her and jump in my running suit and grab the keys and go take the suburban and whisper in the door "I'll pick up the runners. So you can just enjoy a nice, leisurely bath and then get ready for work."

Well as I got into my running suit and I got the keys and I was ready to go out the door I said "Honey, I'll pick up the runners." She's standing there in a towel, "I don't want you to pick up the runners!"

Why? You see, that's her responsibility. That's what she's doing here as part of her deal. And she enjoys picking up the runners.

So guess who picked up the runners?

I came up with this idea. The kind of help that you wanted to give wasn't the kind she needed. Right?

And half of the time, men, that's our frustration. We're kind of walking around in a fog thinking what they're needs are and then we try to meet those needs and guess what we missed? They weren't the needs that were needed to be met in that situation. And that's why this principle I'm telling you ain't all that easy to live by. And you've got to work at it in order to come to that.

But what happens when you throw in the towel? Then we've got to sing with Neal Diamond and Barbara Streisand "You don't bring me flowers anymore. After we make love, you turn over and turn out the light."

And that's what happens in a relationship and men fail and begin to meet needs.

I think, if you don't meet the needs, there will be somebody else that will come around that will.

You've heard of the guy who said he didn't love his wife. He hadn't told his wife that he loved her for 10 years and shot the guy who did. And that's oftentimes very, very true.

You see, a woman feels loved when she's understood. That's so simple isn't it. But that's what this is. A woman feels loved when she's understood. And if you don't understand, and if you don't communicate your understanding and your feelings, then she's not going to feel loved.

And so, another part of Peter's development is that he had to live with a woman and to care for her as a woman and to meet her needs. And so he's saying live with her "according to knowledge." And then secondly, live with her as a "joint heir of the grace of life." That means, as far as heaven is concerned, we are equal joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We have the same future. There's not the superior/inferior business that should invade the whole business of marriage anywhere.

It is equal rights. It is a man responsible before God for the relationship.

Smith, that great old commentator said:

They will be reunited hereafter, the closest bands we form on earth are severed by the hand of death, and day will come when your wife will be taken from you or you from her, and one of you will sit by the corpse of the other and think perhaps of the history of your married life. Even then religion will be your solace and your stay. How different the emotions of the believer when called to part with one he truly loves from those of a sceptic or an infidel. He knows that the separation will be brief and that fellow heirs of life, he and his loved one will meet again the realms of immortality and bliss. In heaven they neither marry nor are given in marriage but are as the angels of God, yet from the apostles language here we should certainly infer the recognition of our friends in heaven, and even a reunion with them in bonds not to be severed again. Honor then your wife, she will one day be like yourself, as an angel of God. You will tread together the bowers of paradise,

you will drink together the water of life, you will chant together the song of victory, you will dwell together in the unclouded presence of your Lord.

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All the barriers are broken down for you are “joint heirs” with Jesus Christ.

Men why do you do those two things? So your prayers aren’t hindered.

Make no mistake about it. If you’re out of fellowship with your wife, you are out of fellowship with God. The two are automatically put together. You cannot sit here as a man and tell me that you’re walking in God and you’re in fellowship with God if you and your wife aren’t of one spirit. It is totally impossible and the scripture is filled with illustrations along that very line.

In the marriage relationship, God designed the equation of $ONE + ONE = ONE$.

Ephesians 5:17-33 reaffirms the words that we have in these seven verses.

Now I realize that you’re wanting to have some more practical material that you can read and to help your marriage and I would like to address that for just a minute. While we were at the bookseller’s convention yesterday, Jill and Pat Williams were there.

They have written an excellent book called *Rekindled*. It is absolutely required reading for the enrichment of a marriage relationship. It's one of the best books in print. He was the general manager of the Philadelphia 76ers and through neglect almost lost his marriage. And through the book *Rekindled* you've got the story of that being put back together again.

And then Swindoll has written a book called *Strike the Original Match*. That too is good.

Any book written by Norman Wright, *Seasons of the Marriage Communication: The Key to Marriage*—I think he has 52 books in print and many of them are on the subjects of marriage.

Larry Crabb has written a book on marriage, *Maximum Marriage* I think is the name of it or something like that.

And of course I don't want to be proud or anything but I've got one here in the front that I gave 180 copies away yesterday away at the bookseller's convention called *Make Full My Joy*.

Pearl and I have not had a perfect marriage. And if there's anyone sitting here that has, I sure would like to visit with you.

Marriage takes a lot of work. We've had 5 kids and I'm a very intense personality. As most of you know, I'm very, very

difficult to live with. I was so tickled at that lady on the bus. I said “I bet you get upset by some of the people that come on the bus.” She said “No because I’m the biggest problem on this bus.” She was very humble in talking about her job of driving the bus at the airport.

And yet God has been gracious in allowing our marriage to survive for 35 years and we’re 15 from the goal so it was time to write the book. And I hope you will take time to get some copies of it and read it and pass it around a little bit.

I also have two sets of tapes. The tapes are a 12 lesson series called *Make Full My Joy* which is on the tape. And then a number of years ago did the book of Proverbs in the marriage relationship called *The Way of Man with a Maiden*.” And I’ve taken that little Proverb out of the last part Proverbs and took every one of the proverbs and built them around the marriage relationship. And so there are some of those.

The thing that probably has stood out to me more than anything else is that since the book market is being flooded with subjects on marriage, obviously we’re hitting where people hurt. And we are.

Sitting in this room are some real bad scars of relationships that have been devastated either by death or divorce, and deep, deep hurt and anxiety. And I have agonized all week in preparing this message knowing that they were going to be sitting here. Because I knew how deeply they must hurt

inside. And the feelings that must well up when you realize that your marriage has been lost.

And sometimes for many of these that have faced these tragic, tragic circumstances, it would have been better for death rather than divorce because you've still got to live with the wreckage of what has happened.

Yesterday, as we left the bookseller's convention, I went out with David and we were going down the escalator. And as we started down the escalator to the parking garage below to get the car, Leta Arrington—and if any of you've ever met Leta Arrington, she is someone to meet. She and her husband are on our board and have been for the years. She was at the convention. And she saw us leaving, thinking we're leaving because a lot of her friends were here, she yelled across the area and said "Don, Don!" And I was already on the down escalator. And so I turned around knowing it was Leta and tried to run up the escalator.

And since I don't have any right hip, I tripped. As I got about 3 steps from the top and started continuing going down, David helped me up and I ran like crazy and finally whipped the stupid escalator and got to the top and I said "Leta, it's amazing what a little friendship is a price that you have to pay to say goodbye to a friend."

I thought, while I was standing there for a minute, and that's what an awful lot of people are trying to do with their marriage relationship.

You know God has got an escalator that's designed to make it meaningful but a lot of them are turning around, falling on them and will literally try to kill themselves. And it always happens, no matter where, you violate scripture.

I don't care whether it's in the realm of submission or in the realm of anything that is biblical, when you mess with it and when you violate it and you don't express the obedience that needs to be expressed in it, you are going to suffer or somebody else is going to suffer.

And that's the hurt that we feel naturally—these who have been scarred so deeply.

Now there are six lessons I want to give you and then I'm going to let you get on for your day together.

Lesson #1: Marriage is an unconditional covenant. Only death can break it.

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#2: The gentle and quiet spirit in the eyes of God is priceless.

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#3: Inner beauty takes priority over outward beauty.

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That's all that's being expressed in those verses.

#4: Oneness is the goal in the marriage relationship.

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#5: The husband is to know his wife and to meet her needs.

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#6: Your fellowship with God is broken when you are out of fellowship with your wife.

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You know, as I evaluate our 35 years of marriage, I would say that probably in the beginning of our marriage and through the first part of it is what Larry Crabb calls "the tick on dog relationship."

He describes the story of a hungry tick looking for a dog where he can have a good meal. He says:

The real problem comes in marriage when you've got two ticks and no dog.

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And as long as you sit there as an egotistical, selfish individual telling your mate “meet my needs,” you’re never going to get it. The only way it’s ever going to deepen is when you get off your duff and you start meeting the other mate’s needs.

You see, the reason Pearl wanted to get the runners, she knew I really needed this study. And so she was meeting my need and I was interfering with her opportunity to do so.

You know what I found lately? In all the funerals I’ve done lately, I put a strange little statement from certain relatives. You know what it is? “My daddy and mother were married for 60 years—or 54—or 39.” What is it you leave behind when you throw you in the hole? It was that commitment that the kids saw.

My last chapter is called “Going for the Gold.”

Mike and Myrna Schoenfeld are good friends of ours. They are on our board. Myrna’s mom lived miraculously for another 12 months with terminal cancer so she could grasp the gold with a man. And right afterwards she died. But she made it. And there’s no greater joy than being faithful even unto death. That’s the way that God designed the marriage relationship.

Father, as we look at these verses, oftentimes we get distorted pictures simply because folks have manipulated the text. May we this morning take fresh courage in our own relationships to enrich them by our commitment to You and then to each other. We pray that these days of being together as families would help us also to have real good perspective on what your original intentions were in the marriage relationship. We love You and rejoice that we have sensed Your presence with us this morning, speaking to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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NOTES

QUESTIONS:

1. Read 1 Peter 3:1-7 and in your own words pull out the main thought of this passage.

2. Why are the wives to put themselves in subjection to their husbands in verse 1?

3. How is the disbelieving husband to be won to the Lord, according to verse 1?

4. According to verses 3 & 4, which is the most important—outward beauty or inner beauty?

5. How does God feel about this inner beauty?

6. What Old Testament illustration does Peter use to support what he is teaching?

7. What two things does Peter point out as the husband's responsibility, according to verse 7?

8. For what purpose should the husband be doing these two things in verse 7?

9. Which verse in the study has meant the most to you?

10. What lesson have you learned from this study?

LESSONS FROM THE PASSAGE:

What are some of the lessons we can learn from this particular study?

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