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A Real Man Loves and  
Protects God's Woman



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# SESSION 1

*Loving God's Woman by  
Partnering with Her*



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- She is God's gift that He brings to you. That means to ignore, resent, or not appreciate your wife as your partner is rejecting God's design and despising His gift.

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- Every father/king wants his daughter/princess treated with dignity and honor.

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- Your loving and sacrificial leadership will yield great fruit in her life. What are some of the fruits of loving leadership?

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**C.** When you realize that you have been blessed with a partner, you get to rejoice.



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