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A Real Man Loves and  
Protects God's Woman



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A black and white photograph of a woman reading a book, with a cup of coffee in the foreground. The woman is wearing glasses and has her hair pulled back. The book is open, and she is looking down at it. The cup is a simple, dark-colored mug. The background is slightly blurred, showing some foliage.

# SESSION 4

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- Your life is like a directional sign; you are either pointing your wife towards Jesus or away from Jesus.

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- A “self-centered husband” is a contradiction in terms. By God's design and decree, a real man sacrifices for his wife.

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- Wise rule is the precondition for true happiness. There is a great lesson here:

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