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A Real Man Loves and
Protects God's Woman



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SESSION 5

*Loving God's Woman by
Practicing Hope and Healing*



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- Two important observations from 1 Peter 3:7:
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- 2. She has different vulnerabilities. Your wife is a sister in Christ, therefore equal to you—and she is more vulnerable because of her identification as a weaker vessel.
 - This vulnerability is not limited to physical pain but can include lots of different forms of hurt in a fallen world like ours.

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- When we empathize we slow our lives long enough to understand and identify with a hurting person. We are willing to ask ourselves questions like:
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- As men we need to be aware of five dangers men face as they attempt to empathize with God's woman:
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Is there a doctor in the house? Yes, It is you!



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