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A BetterMan Loves and  
Protects God's Woman

PART 2



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# SESSION 4

*Loving God's Woman by  
Pointing Her to Christ*



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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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