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The Sermon-in-a-Sentence: When wives follow their marital role it results in evangelism and involves much beauty and no fear; when husbands follow their marital role it results in unhindered prayers.

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