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- _____ your wife!

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- Wives submit _____!

- _____ your husband.

...and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Ephesians 5:33b (ESV)

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