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Commentary on I Samuel 25 and Abigail's letter ...

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/bible/practical/1samuel25.html>.

Sermon outline, "When Your Husband's a Fool," ...

<http://www.letgodbetrue.com/sermons/pdf/when-your-husbands-a-fool.pdf>.

Sermon outline, "Ordinance of Authority," ...

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Sermon outline, "The Sword of Christ," ...

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Sermon outline, "A Marriage Covenant," ...

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Sermon outline, "God Hates Compromise," ...

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