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“What a thing it is for a man to be accused of committing adultery, and having seven wives, when I can only find one.” —Joseph Smith

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