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#Experiences with Periva - Can a Wife Go on a Pilgrimage Leaving Her Husband at Home?

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**A young vaidika couple prostrated to Paramacharya in SrimaTham, #Kanchipuram.
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The young vaidika appeared to be around 25 years, his wife about 20

The Acharyal, who was conversing with another bhakta, paused and looked up at the dampati. Happiness spread across his face.

He said with enthusiasm, "Are you not Raghunathan, S/O Madurai Seshu Ganapatikal?"

But then, I should address not you in such a way! Because you have now become Raghunatha SastrigaL! Like ur father, you have become well known in the #Madurai region."

Paramacharya continued: "Obviously, this is your AmbadaiyaL. She is the grand-daughter of [@almightykarthik](#)

Tiruchirapalli Vaidhyanatha Ganapadigal. The only daughter of Subramanya Vadhyar. Am I right? Last year, your father & father-in-law both came here with your marriage invitation, to seek the blessings of maTham. You also came & prostrated, correct? [@KumarSarangapa1](#) [@karthiklv](#)

Alright. Now as dampati you are both cooperative and well?" Swamiji asked with rightful concern. Raghunatha Sastri promptly replied, "We are very well Periyavaa, with your blessings." Swamiji did not accept that. "You have said it, but your wife doesn't open her mouth!"

He laughed as he said this. Gaining her wits, the young wife replied, "My name is Alamelu, Periyavaa. We are happy only.. happy." Swamiji took note of the thread of sadness that ran through her acknowledgement.

"It is not that Amma! Your tone betrays that you are not all that

happy. Come on, tell me more."

"Nothing of that sort, Periyavaa", Alamelu tried to get by.

"No, no! Your tone is telling me that you have some sadness. Come on, tell me what it is." Alamelu said hesitatingly,

"Periyavaa, I am a very God-fearing woman. @Aravindh_partha

Have full faith in the shastra & sampradayas. Before my marriage, I used to go for pilgrimages with our family, relatives. It was very much to my liking! I am married with him for a year now. And we have not gone anywhere Periyavaa, that is the cause of my sadness!" @Mahesh10816

Before she could finish, Swamiji interrupted, "Why couldn't you go?"

Alamelu hesitated. "After marriage, I cannot go for pilgrimages on my own, isn't it so, Periyavaa? Only if the bharta comes along with me, the fruits of the yAtrA will be realized? @anexcommie @AnuSatheesh5