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1           MR. SCHAPHORST: I have a question for you. Does  
2 the Lord delight in sacrifice and burnt offerings more than  
3 obeying the voice of the Lord?

4           I'll give you the answer. It is much better to obey  
5 than sacrifice.

6           It is much better to heed than to offer up the fat  
7 of rams.

8           That comes from First Samuel and that was Samuel  
9 talking to Saul, because Saul had disobeyed the Lord and he  
10 was trying to make right with the Lord by offering  
11 sacrifices.

12           And it truly is our obedience that the Lord is after  
13 and that kind of plays into what we are talking about today.

14           We are talking about discipleship. In fact, all of  
15 our readings have come from the Gospel of Luke, which is kind  
16 of convenient.

17           If you remember, when Rick was up here two weeks ago  
18 he talked about how Jesus calls us to be disciples.

19           He calls us to be disciples and if you remember the  
20 scripture Jesus says to a bystander, he says, "Come, follow  
21 me."

22           And he responded, "First let me go home and bury my  
23 father."

24           That's an honorable thing to do, right? Jesus  
25 should have said, "Okay. When you are done come back."

1           Instead Jesus responded harshly and said, "Let the  
2 dead bury the dead. Pick up your cross and follow me."

3           And it's a reminder to us, the level of where  
4 discipleship is.

5           It should be above any earthly traditions that we  
6 embrace.

7           Discipleship should be paramount in our lives and  
8 Jesus reminds us of that with that little bit of truth.

9           Then the following week we talked about counting the  
10 cost.

11           If we are going to step out in discipleship it  
12 should be according to the will of our Father.

13           A king, when he goes to battle another army with ten  
14 thousand men, and he knows that the army coming has twenty  
15 thousand men, he is first going to assess things before he  
16 just rushes out to battle, because he might lose. He might  
17 rather broker a peace deal.

18           So should we in our step of faith. So should we in  
19 our discipleship.

20           Put it in the hands of our Lord and Savior so that  
21 as we put forth the effort it is according to God and not  
22 according to us.

23           A builder who builds a building but doesn't have  
24 enough money to finish it, we would laugh at that person.  
25 How could he be so foolish?

1           So would we if we step out in discipleship and  
2 realize that we are not equipped or unable to complete the  
3 task which we have set out to complete.

4           So we need to be in prayer. We need to put it to  
5 the Lord and let his will be done, the King in our lives.

6           We also talked about salt, remember, and how salt  
7 improves everything.

8           You sprinkle a little bit on your food and the food  
9 come alive.

10           That's what we are as God's children. We are the  
11 salt of the earth. We make this place a better place.

12           But the warning is, don't let your life lose its  
13 saltiness.

14           We need to remain salty, not just today, not just  
15 tomorrow, not just a year from now or fifty, but for every  
16 day we're here. We need to be salt of the earth.

17           These are tough. These are tough lessons and  
18 discipleship is not an easy chore, an easy task to undergo,  
19 but it's what we are called to do.

20           Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations,  
21 baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the  
22 Holy Spirit, and telling everyone to obey all that Jesus has  
23 commanded.

24           And the good news is that Jesus is with us, to the  
25 very end of the age, he is indeed with us.

1           And we will stumble, we will fall, we will make  
2 mistakes, but he just asks us to keep getting up and keep  
3 doing it.

4           Today we are going to talk about living that life  
5 and what it really takes to live a life of discipleship.

6           There's probably one key ingredient that I could  
7 point to.

8           There are a lot of righteous things out there.  
9 There's love, hope, peace, joy, the fruits of the spirit.

10           But there is one that I think is important to talk  
11 about when we want to be disciples.

12           And it is the trait of humility, and that is what  
13 Jesus trying to teach us in our reading for today, Luke 14,  
14 Verse 8.

15           Starting in Verse 8, remember Jesus was in the house  
16 of a prominent Pharisee. Pharisees were the experts of the  
17 law back then.

18           They knew lots about the law. They didn't always  
19 follow it, but they sure knew it.

20           He was there, they were sitting down for dinner, and  
21 he noticed how people were scrambling for the places of honor  
22 and this is what he says:

23           "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not  
24 take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than  
25 you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both

1 of you will come and say to you give this man your seat.  
2 Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important  
3 place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so  
4 that when your host comes he will say to you, friend, move up  
5 to a better place. Then you will be honored in the presence  
6 of all your fellow guests."

7 I'm going to stop there, because in Verse 11 is the  
8 truth that Jesus is trying to bring home here.

9 And I think he really needed to tell this parable  
10 before he got to the truth, because sometimes the truth is  
11 tough for us to understand when it's laid out for us plain.

12 So he tells us the parable and then he brings home  
13 the truth.

14 I don't know if any of you have had experienced  
15 emotionally what Jesus is talking about here.

16 I have been to a few Maverick hockey games in the  
17 Qwest Center arena.

18 And I don't think ever when I've gone there I've  
19 ever sat in the seat which the ticket reserved for me.

20 I always go right up to the glass. I always go to  
21 the home ice glass right behind the net over to side where  
22 they crash into the board. It's fun.

23 And usually I'm okay. Usually I go down there, the  
24 game starts, you're a little nervous, hoping nobody comes,  
25 and usually you're okay and the game starts and you're

1 watching and you're having a great time.

2 Well, it happened, it was against Michigan, a big  
3 crowd, and I'm sitting down there up against the glass.

4 And, sure enough, here comes the rightful owner of  
5 the seat in which I'm sitting.

6 And everybody is around me and they are watching and  
7 he says, "Excuse me, but I think you are sitting in my seat."

8 And of course everybody is looking, watching, and  
9 the feeling of humility that you have.

10 I am trying to relate this to you so you know what  
11 Jesus is talking about here, that feeling of humility, that  
12 feeling.

13 I truly was exalting myself by sitting in this great  
14 seat when I really had a nose bleed seat, right?

15 And then I'm humbled when the rightful owner of that  
16 seat came and said you're sitting in my seat and I had to  
17 move.

18 So I understand this truth. I truly understand it.  
19 "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled."

20 The second part of this truth is tougher for me to  
21 understand, "For he who humbles himself will be exalted."

22 I look at my own life, and I don't have any examples  
23 of that to offer.

24 I don't have any examples of where when I was  
25 humbled I got exalted somehow.

1           So I am going to go to the greatest teacher we have,  
2 to our Lord and Savior, to Jesus.

3           And let's look at his life. Let's look at who Jesus  
4 is.

5           I mean, really, who is Jesus? Who is he? Would any  
6 of you deny that Jesus is God?

7           The Holy Scriptures say it. In the beginning was  
8 the word, the word was God, and the word is God, and we know  
9 that the word became flesh and dwelt among us.

10          I can reason from that, from that bit of truth, that  
11 Jesus really is God.

12          That's interesting, because Jesus had everything,  
13 right? Jesus had everything.

14          He had power. He had wealth, whatever we would  
15 consider wealth I suppose, certainly he had it all, right?

16          He had incredible knowledge, incredible wisdom, and  
17 yet he did not consider that something to be grasped.

18          I find that amazing. He did not consider that to be  
19 something to possess.

20          If I saw a big pot of cash, or if I bought a lottery  
21 ticket and won, or if I could get all this incredible  
22 knowledge that would help me in my career, I probably would  
23 take it. It would make me better maybe.

24          And Jesus doesn't think that way, because he had it  
25 all anyway.

1           Instead, he humbled himself. How much did he humble  
2 himself?

3           He humbled himself to the point where he, who is  
4 infinitely great, became nothing.

5           I mean, born in a manger with stinky animals around  
6 in the presence of lowly shepherds to a poor carpenter? You  
7 have to be kidding me.

8           He became a man. He became a servant. That's  
9 humility. That is humility.

10          Well, okay, you say so he's man, but he's still God,  
11 he is on this earth, he's still God, God has power, God has  
12 knowledge, right?

13          He's on the earth, he's God, so he still has all  
14 these things.

15          But, remember, he gave all that up, because he  
16 became obedient to the same things that you and I are  
17 obedient to.

18          Things like temptation. Satan tempted Jesus in the  
19 desert.

20          I am sure there were many more temptations beside  
21 just the one written in scripture.

22          He was obedient to pain and suffering. He was one  
23 of us.

24          He was even obedient to death. He had to be. This  
25 was Satan's domain and death was the result of sin.

1           So he was obedient even to death, and a humiliating  
2 death it was, a criminal's death on a cross. This is God?  
3 This is the king?

4           You know, Jesus did not consider all of those Godly  
5 things to be grasped.

6           You know what he really wanted? You know what he  
7 wanted?

8           He wanted you. He wanted me. He wanted that  
9 intimate relationship with his children.

10          So he humbled himself to the greatest extent so that  
11 he could regain authority over his family.

12          That's where Jesus sets the bar. That is where he  
13 sets the bar.

14          So when I go back in this scripture in Verse 11,  
15 Chapter 14 of Luke, I think I now understand what that second  
16 half means.

17          "And he who humbles himself will be exalted."

18          I have been preaching from Philippians Chapter 2.  
19 Let me conclude with what happens to Jesus after he fulfills  
20 the will of the Father.

21          "Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and  
22 gave him the name that is above every name; that at the name  
23 of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and  
24 every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory  
25 of God the father, he who humbles himself will be exalted."

1           You see, when we humble ourselves there is a good  
2 chance that you are not going to get exaltations from people  
3 on earth.

4           But that's not what Jesus is talking about, is it?

5           You humble yourself so that you can store up  
6 treasures in heaven, because it is He, your Father, your  
7 Savior, who will exalt you if we can be humble disciples,  
8 humble servants.

9           So, the bar is pretty high. Can we get up there?  
10 Is that attainable?

11           I'm going to say yes, it is, and here is the reason  
12 why I say that.

13           Because we know that Jesus was a man and he lived on  
14 earth under our own rules.

15           And he was a man and he was able to do the things  
16 that resulted in our salvation.

17           Now, he was perfect, and we are not, and here comes  
18 the scary side of the story.

19           You see, Paul writes about it in Romans. I talked  
20 about it last week and it's worthy to talk about again.

21           Paul writes in Romans that there is nothing good  
22 that is in me, that is in the flesh.

23           Jesus lived in the flesh, too, but his spirituality  
24 was perfect.

25           He was a conqueror of the flesh, so that the spirit

1 ruled in his life. Unfortunately, that's tougher for us to  
2 do.

3 Jesus even talks about it in the 6th Chapter of  
4 John.

5 The spirit gives life. That is what Jesus lives in  
6 us, is in our spirituality, in our faith, that's where he is.

7 But the flesh counts for nothing. The flesh is  
8 going to pass away at the time when we are glorified.

9 The flesh will pass away and we will be perfected.

10 But yet as we live the flesh is still with us, and  
11 the flesh does call out and sometimes draws us in, and it is  
12 a constant battle, no doubt.

13 So it is tough to be where Jesus is, but we can  
14 certainly shoot for that.

15 Maybe at times in your life you may be there. Maybe  
16 not consistently throughout your entire life here, but we can  
17 certainly strive for that, can't we?

18 We need to understand what the enemy looks like. We  
19 need to know what the enemy looks like so we can clothe  
20 ourselves in the armor of God, hold up the shield of faith to  
21 extinguish all the arrows that Satan is going to throw at us.

22 It's important that we know what the enemy looks  
23 like.

24 If humility is what God desires, what is the  
25 opposite?

1           What is 180 degrees out of phase with what scripture  
2 teaches?

3           It's pride, isn't it?

4           I want to go to the Book of Timothy, because Paul  
5 describes this in detail, and it's ugly.

6           It is ugly, but, again, I think we need to hear  
7 this.

8           "People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of  
9 money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their  
10 parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving,  
11 slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the  
12 good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather  
13 than lovers of God, having a form of Godliness that denies  
14 power."

15           Thank you for taking that slide down quickly in this  
16 Holy place.

17           That's what pride is. It was pride that brought  
18 down Lucifer?

19           It was pride that brought him down and one-third of  
20 all the angels.

21           Pride goes before destruction and haughtiness before  
22 a fall.

23           We need to recognize it, we need to run from it, and  
24 we need to embrace what Paul teaches us in conclusion. Have  
25 nothing to do with them.

1           What scares me about this passage is that he's  
2 talking about things to come.

3           He's talking about how we people will become more  
4 and more of the world, rather than being in it as the light  
5 of Christ.

6           It's scary. He's talking about the end of time and  
7 how people will be full of pride.

8           My son was playing baseball last Monday evening and  
9 the coach said you are going to pitch.

10          As a parent you are like, oh, great, you're not  
11 excited; you're nervous, because a lot rests on the pitcher.

12          He did a great job. He strikes out three batters,  
13 he gets up to bat a couple times, gets on base both times,  
14 fields a couple of balls, he had a great game.

15          After the game I said, "Son, I'm so proud of you."

16          And then I'm preparing, I'm thinking, was that a bad  
17 thing? Was that bad?

18          And I had to find the answer. The answers are in  
19 scripture to this.

20          So I look at Paul and I found on a number of  
21 occasions how he was proud of the churches that he had  
22 planted because of their faith.

23          A couple examples of it is in the Book of  
24 Corinthians. He's actually proud of them.

25          So the scripture doesn't really explain that, but I

1 prayed on it and here is what the Holy Spirit allowed me to  
2 conclude on the matter.

3 This is not biblical; this is just my own  
4 conclusion.

5 Pride is a good thing when it's used to exalt  
6 others, when it's used to build up others.

7 Pride is a very dangerous thing, a destructive  
8 thing, when it's used to build up ourselves.

9 We ought to have nothing to do with that. It is  
10 written in the Holy Scriptures that we are to have nothing to  
11 do with it.

12 So I'm just going to say that if we want to be  
13 humble, if we want to be humble individuals, then we ought to  
14 imitate the life of Jesus.

15 Let's just live like he lived; let's just be like he  
16 was when he lived on earth; let's let Jesus be in control.

17 We can do that, there is nothing wrong with doing  
18 that, and so there are three key things that I think I can  
19 leave with you today.

20 Three lessons that hopefully we can take from this  
21 place. The first lesson is this:

22 It is not about us. It is not about me. Let's go  
23 back to our scripture reading for today, the second half in  
24 Luke 14.

25 He just offered up that truth about he who will be

1 exalted will be humbled and he is humble will be exalted.

2           Then Jesus says to the host, "When you give a  
3 luncheon or dinner do not invite your friends, your brothers  
4 or relatives, or your rich neighbors. If you do, they may  
5 invite you back and so you will repaid. But when you give a  
6 banquet invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and you will  
7 be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be  
8 repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.

9           This, again, is some tough, tough teaching. It's  
10 not about us.

11           You know, this makes me wonder who our neighbor  
12 really is.

13           The first and greatest commandment is to love your  
14 God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.  
15 That is the first and greatest commandment.

16           The second is to love your neighbor, right? So if  
17 you embrace those two commandments, which summarizes the  
18 entire law of the prophets, if you can embrace those two  
19 commandments you would be a humble individual, because where  
20 is me in any of that, right?

21           But who is our neighbor? Who is our neighbor? If  
22 you only love those who love you back, to what credit is that  
23 to you?

24           Sinners do that. If you are only good to those who  
25 are good to you in return, what credit is that to you?

1 Sinners do the same thing.

2 On earth there may be some credit given, but in  
3 heaven, I'm not so sure. I'm not so sure.

4 It is so easy to talk about this stuff. I have a  
5 confession to make.

6 I do this, I talk, and maybe I understand the truth,  
7 but please don't think that I live it.

8 I try, but I don't. I can't think of one time when  
9 I invited a complete stranger into my home to offer him  
10 something that he needed.

11 And maybe I feel some conviction right now because  
12 of that.

13 This is hard stuff, but it is possible, because  
14 Jesus was able to do that here on earth.

15 We know that it possible, but the bar was set and  
16 it's there and we can reach for that.

17 So, again, count the cost, be in prayer about it,  
18 and see if maybe being stronger in this "not about me" thing  
19 is how we should live our discipleship here on earth.

20 The next item, taking the very nature of a servant.  
21 Again, this emulates what Jesus did.

22 He was God, he considered equality with God nothing.

23 He made himself nothing, took the very form of a  
24 man, a servant, and served us up salvation.

25 You know, I think it's kind of humorous. In the

1 business world there's this new buzz word that is out there  
2 called servant leadership.

3           Have you heard that word? A lot of books talk about  
4 it.

5           Even the secular world realizes that Jesus in three  
6 years was pretty influential, his leading style, his  
7 managerial style, must have been pretty effective.

8           And they studied it and realize that he didn't lead  
9 by authority; he lead by serving, by service.

10           Scripture says that in order to be the greatest, you  
11 must be a servant of all.

12           In order to be the greatest, you must be a servant  
13 to all.

14           I think that if you were to go up to another brother  
15 or sister in Christ, another Christian, and tell them that  
16 you really have a servant's heart, I don't know if there is a  
17 better compliment you could pay them.

18           If you went up to someone who maybe didn't  
19 understand the word of God he would think I'm not a servant.  
20 I have people serving me. No way. I'm the one who has  
21 authority here.

22           They may not look at that as a compliment, but  
23 people who understand Jesus understand that it is through  
24 service and servanthood that we become great, maybe not here  
25 on earth, but maybe that too, but really where it matters the

1 most, and that is in heaven.

2 I went through the scriptures. I wanted to find a  
3 good example of a servant that took the big risk, stepped out  
4 and served, and then was exalted because of that.

5 That makes sense. He who serves shall be exalted,  
6 because I think service is synonymous with humility, putting  
7 others before ourselves. So he who serves will be exalted.

8 And I go to the Old Testament and I come to the Book  
9 of Ruth.

10 Ruth was a foreigner, not part of the family of  
11 Israel, she was a Moabite, happened to marry into the family  
12 of Israel.

13 Her husband died and her mother-in-law Naomi wants  
14 to leave her in Moab.

15 "I am going to go home," but Ruth said, "No. Let me  
16 come with you."

17 She pleaded and she begged and she did. She went  
18 with Naomi back to the camp of Boaz.

19 And there are workers in the field, tending to the  
20 fields, and here is she, a foreigner in a very strange place,  
21 not knowing what to do, maybe not, but here is what she does.

22 She goes up there and she says to Ruth, "Let me go  
23 to the fields and pick up the left over grain behind anyone  
24 whose eyes find favor with me."

25 She went right into this act of serving, and the way

1 she said it meant that if someone was uncomfortable with her,  
2 she would move on to the next.

3           It didn't matter to her. It did not matter to her.  
4 Her goal was to serve.

5           And Boaz, who was a very righteous man, recognized  
6 this.

7           Of course he recognized this, and at that night on  
8 the threshing floor when Ruth lay at his feet, here is what  
9 Boaz said.

10           "Who are you," he asked?

11           "I am your servant," said Ruth.

12           "The Lord bless you," said Boaz, "my daughter. This  
13 kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier. You  
14 have not run after younger men, whether rich or poor, and  
15 now, my daughter, don't be afraid, I will do for you all you  
16 ask. All my fellow townsmen know that you are a woman of  
17 noble character."

18           I suppose when people were seeing Ruth out there in  
19 the field picking up stuff they probably thought just another  
20 servant, another lowly servant.

21           Boaz didn't see that. Boaz saw the heart of God in  
22 her.

23           Was she exalted?

24           Yes, Ruth was exalted. She just happens to be the  
25 grandmother of David in the line of our Lord and Savior.

1           She's a good role model for us, a good example of a  
2 servant's heart.

3           You might try that the next time you run into one of  
4 your sisters and you see them serving say, "You really do  
5 have a heart for service."

6           You have a heart for service. It's the greatest  
7 compliment I think you can pay them.

8           The third and final lesson that I can leave with  
9 you, and it may be the most difficult one of all, is this  
10 idea of surrender.

11           This idea of surrendering to the will of God. This  
12 is difficult.

13           This is difficult for us because the world looks at  
14 surrendering as a weakness, right?

15           If you surrender, then that is a sign of weakness,  
16 lack of strength, of unpreparedness maybe.

17           And you want to know something? God thrives on our  
18 weaknesses; not our strengths.

19           Again, we are 180 degrees out of phase with how the  
20 world perceives things.

21           God thrives on our weakness and he makes us strong  
22 through our weakness.

23           In the book of Isaiah he writes, "He gives strength  
24 to the weary."

25           It doesn't say he gives strength to the strong.

1            "He gives strength to the weary and increases the  
2 power of the weak."

3            It doesn't say increases the power of the powerful.

4            It is through our weakness that we do great  
5 things.

6            There is a verse in the of Book of Acts that I have  
7 memorized.

8            I've tried to make it my life verse and it goes like  
9 this:

10           I consider my life worth nothing. I consider my  
11 life worth nothing, if only I can complete the task and  
12 finish the race that has been laid before my Lord and Savior  
13 Christ Jesus.

14           I consider my life worth nothing. To me it is worth  
15 nothing.

16           I'm hoping that it is worth something to God,  
17 because I surrender completely to him, meaning that not my  
18 will, but yours be done.

19           Even Jesus submitted in complete surrender to his  
20 Father when he was here on earth.

21           Even Jesus did. Not my will, but yours be done. It  
22 is something that is tough to do.

23           But, again, when you look at the essence of what  
24 surrendering is, it embraces the heart of humility, because  
25 then it's not about us anymore.

1           It's about everyone else. It's about our Lord and  
2 Savior.

3           Those are three lessons that I hope you will take  
4 with you for many days and weeks, because discipleship is not  
5 easy.

6           And my personal experience, I fall in and out of it  
7 a lot of times.

8           Sometimes I'm a better disciple than others, but I  
9 know where God wants me to be and I work very hard on trying  
10 to be there.

11           And I don't always get there, but I think if we  
12 embrace and try to imitate Jesus we will do very well.

13           It is Father's Day. I keep forgetting. When I  
14 started this message I would have really been preaching to  
15 you dads out there.

16           Because whether we become fathers, God gives us this  
17 incredible responsibility.

18           We are to be the spiritual rock in our homes. If we  
19 bypass on that responsibility, somebody else will no doubt  
20 fill in.

21           Many times it's the wife, the mom. Many times it's  
22 neighbors.

23           Let's just hope it's a godly person, but it really,  
24 dads, is our responsibility to be the spiritual rock for our  
25 children.

1           You have more influence over your children than  
2 anyone else. They watch you. They imitate you.

3           There is a song by Phillips, Craig and Dean. It's a  
4 father writing a prayer, because his son said I want to be  
5 like you dad, and it goes:

6           "I want to be just like you, because he wants to be  
7 just like me, I want to be a holy example for his innocent  
8 eyes to see."

9           You know, we need to be like Jesus so that our  
10 children will know who Jesus is.

11           I have a piece of scripture for you dads out of the  
12 Book of Peter.

13           I'm also going to read this to sons and daughters  
14 who have fathers.

15           "Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your  
16 care, serving as overseers, not because you must, but because  
17 you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for  
18 money, but eager to serve, not lording over it for those who  
19 trust you, but be examples to the flock, and when the chief  
20 shepherd appears you will receive the crown of glory that  
21 will never ever fade away. Young men and women, in the same  
22 way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe  
23 yourself with humility toward one another, because God  
24 opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Humble  
25 yourselves therefore under God's mighty hand that he may lift

1 you, that he may exalt you in due time, because he cares for  
2 you more than you will ever know."

3 Let's us pray. Lord Jesus, I'm so grateful for how  
4 you laid down your life for me.

5 I don't know how I can repay that debt. I give you  
6 my praise.

7 I give you my worship and I surrender everything to  
8 you, Lord.

9 I pray that we all can be disciples, just as you  
10 command us to be.

11 I pray that we would see the world not about us, but  
12 about you, about your children.

13 I pray, Lord, that we can be servants just like Ruth  
14 and we would have the heart of a servant, not expecting to be  
15 paid back, but expecting to give glory to you.

16 Lord, help us to surrender, knowing that you will  
17 exalt us, and you get all the glory, Lord Jesus. In your  
18 precious holy name. Amen.

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