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3. How has God helped you in the past? How does remembering God's grace help you to focus on Him today?

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