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IN THE WARMUP

- Review the "Passage to Memorize". How is their memorization coming? This passage remains the same throughout the 5-week series.
- With the permission of the group member, please pass along Lisa any "Second Greatest Story Ever Told" testimonies that are complete.

IN THE STUDY

- Be sure you have listened to the teaching either live or online.
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