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4. What has been your experience with spiritual authority? How does that shape your perspective on God's command to submit to godly church leaders in this passage?
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