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3. Reread the passages listed in the sermon notes above. In light of these truths how would you tell the story of God saving you differently than you have in the past?
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