WEDNESDAYS 6:30 PM

S A M U E L

A LIFE NIGHT STUDY





THE GOAL OF LIFE NIGHTS

STUDY THE SCRIPTURES

Our first goal for Life Nights is that you personally read the scripture for yourself. You don't need an expert to teach you the Bible. All followers of Jesus have the Holy Spirit to teach them the Bible as they study. (John 14:26)

GO DEEPER

In addition to spending time studying the scriptures, we encourage you to "Go Deeper" by looking-up words and phrases that catch your eye, writing down spiritual principles that the Holy Spirit points out to you, and getting involved with the text.

LEARN TOGETHER

Once you've studied the scripture on your own and gone deeper into the text, we will come together and "Learn Together." We're meant to read the Bible on our own, but we are also designed to learn the Bible in community. Growth and maturity in the Christian life does not happen in isolation, but in community with God's people. This section will come into play during our Table Talks.

Table Talks are smaller, discussion groups of five to seven people that create a space where everyone can be honest and authentic with each other, celebrate, encourage, and challenge each other with the Word of God. Table talks create a space where we can invite the Holy Spirit's presence to meet us and transform our hearts. We pray that this time together will form a deeper, authentic community where we can help each other grow in intimacy and understanding of Jesus.

INTEGRATE INTO LIFE

After studying the Bible for ourselves and in community, we must "Integrate into Life" by applying what we've learned into our heart, mind, soul and strength. It's a shame to focus on such great truths from scripture and then stop short of actually doing anything about it. None of us want to waste the time spent in scripture and community.

Fall 2025 Guide

Date	Discussion Weekly Readin	
08/13/25	Social Night	2 Samuel 1-2
08/20/25	2 Samuel 1-2	2 Samuel 3-4
08/27/25	2 Samuel 3-4	2 Samuel 5-6
09/03/25	2 Samuel 5-6	Break Reading
09/10/25	Social Night	2 Samuel 7-9
09/17/25	2 Samuel 7-9	2 Samuel 10-11
09/24/25	2 Samuel 10-11	2 Samuel 12-13
10/01/25	2 Samuel 12-13	Break Reading
10/08/25	Social Night	2 Samuel 14-16
10/15/25	2 Samuel 14-16	2 Samuel 17-18
10/22/25	2 Samuel 17-18	2 Samuel 19-20
10/29/25	2 Samuel 19-20	2 Samuel 21-22
11/05/25	2 Samuel 21-22	2 Samuel 23-24
11/12/25	2 Samuel 23-24	

11/19/25 THANKSGIVING FEAST AT FAIRBURN CAMPUS

LIFE NIGHT RETURNS 01.14.26



WEEK 1 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel Chapters 1-2

Discuss on: 08/20/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 1

- 1. SINCE SAMUEL DIED IN 1 SAMUEL 25, WHY DO YOU THINK THIS BOOK IS CALLED 2 SAMUEL?
- 2. DAVID CALLS BOTH SAUL AND JONATHAN
 "MIGHTY" AND "BELOVED." WHY DO YOU THINK
 DAVID RESPONDED WITH MOURNING AND
 LAMENT RATHER THAN RELIEF, GIVEN SAUL
 HAD PURSUED HIM FOR SO LONG? WHAT DOES
 THIS TEACH US ABOUT HONORING GOD'S
 ANOINTED LEADERS, EVEN IN THEIR FAILURES?
- 3. THE AMALEKITE CLAIMS TO HAVE KILLED SAUL.
 WHY DO YOU THINK DAVID RESPONDS BY
 HAVING HIM EXECUTED? RESPOND,
 CONSIDERING WHAT IT SAYS IN 1 SAMUEL 31
 ABOUT SAUL'S DEATH.

CHAPTER 2

1. WHAT DIFFERENCES DO YOU SEE IN HOW DAVID BEGINS HIS REIGN VERSUS HOW SAUL CONDUCTED HIS? WHAT LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES CAN BE APPLIED TO OUR OWN LIVES FROM DAVID'S APPROACH?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 1-2 "SPEAK BLESSING, NO MATTER WHAT EVIL IS DONE TO YOU"

PROVERBS 18:21 SAYS THE "DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER THE TONGUE." DAVID BEGAN SPEAKING BLESSING OVER SAUL, EN IN HIS EVIL TOWARD DAVID, AND THE LORD BROUGHT FAVOR AN BLESSING TO DAVID'S REIGN.	



WEEK 2 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 3-4 Discuss on: 08/27/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 3

- 1. VERSE 1 STATES THAT DAVID'S HOUSE GREW STRONGER WHILE SAUL'S HOUSE WEAKENED. WHAT FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SHIFT, AND HOW MIGHT WE BE ABLE TO SEE GROWTH IN OUR OWN FAMILIES?
- 2.HOW DOES JOAB'S VENGEFUL KILLING OF ABNER HIGHLIGHT THE CONTRAST BETWEEN PERSONAL RETRIBUTION AND DAVID'S JUSTICE-SEEKING LEADERSHIP?
- 3. WAS DAVID'S ACCEPTANCE OF ABNER'S SUPPORT WISDOM OR COMPROMISE? HOW CAN WE DISCERN WHEN TO TRUST SOMEONE WHO HAS PREVIOUSLY OPPOSED US?

- 1. WHY DO BAANAH AND RECHAB THINK THEY ARE DOING DAVID A FAVOR BY KILLING ISH-BOSHETH? HAVE YOU EVER SEEN SOMEONE JUSTIFY A WRONG ACTION BY CLAIMING IT WAS "FOR GOD"?
- 2.IN LIGHT OF BOTH CHAPTERS, HOW DO HUMAN ACTIONS, EVEN FLAWED ONES, ULTIMATELY SERVE TO FULFILL GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN FOR LEADERSHIP?



	HAT'S YOUR STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 3-4?	
	CIDES TO BUILD HIS REIGN ON INTEGRITY, NOT TREACH	
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WEEK 3 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 5-6 Discuss on: 09/03/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 5

- 1. VERSE 12 SAYS DAVID "KNEW THAT THE LORD HAD ESTABLISHED HIM AS KING." HOW DO YOU PERSONALLY DISCERN WHEN GOD IS ESTABLISHING OR AFFIRMING SOMETHING IN YOUR LIFE?
- 2. HOW CAN WE, LIKE DAVID, BETTER SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE BEFORE MAJOR DECISIONS IN OUR LIVES TODAY?

- 1.UZZAH REACHES OUT TO STEADY THE ARK AND DIES (6:6-7). HOW DO YOU UNDERSTAND GOD'S SEEMINGLY HARSH JUDGEMENT IN THIS PASSAGE? WHAT PRINCIPLES DOES THIS EVENT TEACH US ABOUT HANDLING SACRED THINGS AND RESPECTING GOD'S HOLINESS (QODES)?
- 2. DAVID DANCED BEFORE THE LORD WITH ALL HIS MIGHT—WHY WAS THIS EXPRESSION OF WORSHIP SIGNIFICANT, AND HOW DOES IT CHALLENGE OUR OWN APPROACH TO PRAISING GOD?
- 3.HOW CAN WE GUARD OUR HEARTS FROM BECOMING CYNICAL ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S WORSHIP OR DEVOTION AS MICHAL DID OF DAVID?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 5-6 "KNOW WHAT THE LORD COMMANDS AND DEVOTE YOURSELF TO OBEDIENCE AT ALL COSTS"

PROVERBS 3:5 INSTRUCTS US TO "... LEAN NOT ON OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING," MOMENTS IN THESE TWO CHAPTERS CHALLENGE US TO DO WHAT GOD SAYS. NOT WHAT IS RIGHT IN OUR OWN EYES. WEEK 4: Social Night (09/10/25)

WEEK 5 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 7-9
Discuss on: 09/17/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 7

- 1. DAVID WANTED TO BUILD GOD A HOUSE, BUT GOD PROMISED TO BUILD DAVID'S DYNASTY. HOW DOES THIS COVENANT SHAPE BIBLICAL HISTORY AND OUR HISTORY AS BELIEVERS?
- 2.GOD REMINDS DAVID OF HOW HE HAS BEEN WITH HIM FROM SHEPHERD TO KING (7:8–9). HOW DO YOU SEE GOD'S HAND GUIDING YOUR OWN JOURNEY—PAST OR PRESENT?

CHAPTER 8

- 1. WHERE DO WE GET IT WRONG TODAY IN GIVING GOD TRIBUTE FOR OUR VICTORIES AS DAVID DID IN VERSE 11?
- 2. HOW DOES "THE LORD GAVE VICTORY TO DAVID WHEREVER HE WENT" HIGHLIGHT GOD AS THE TRUE SOURCE OF HIS SUCCESS, IMPACTING OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS TODAY?

CHAPTER 9

1. DAVID RESTORES ALL OF SAUL'S LAND TO MEPHIBOSHETH AND GAVE HIM A SEAT AT THE ROYAL TABLE. (9:7, 11). HOW DOES THIS MIRROR THE GOSPEL AND GOD'S GRACE TOWARD US?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 7-9 "GOD'S FAVORS FOLLOWS THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE DEVOTED TO HIM."

THE FAVOR OF GOD IS WITH DAVID WHEREVER HE GOES, PRAY THAT GOD SHAPES YOUR HEART AND SEE THAT HIS FAVOR IS A SIGN AND WONDER THAT WILL FOLLOW THOSE THAT BELIEVE. (MARK 16:17)

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WEEK 6 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 10-11 Discuss on: 09/24/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 10

- 1. WHAT CAUSES PEOPLE TO MISINTERPRET GOOD INTENTIONS LIKE HANUN DID WITH DAVID (VS 1-4)? HOW CAN WE GUARD AGAINST PRIDE IN OUR OWN RELATIONSHIPS?
- 2.HOW DOES THE DUAL FOCUS OF PERSONAL COURAGE AND GOD'S WILL FOUND IN JOAB'S WORDS IN 2 SAMUEL 10:12 CHALLENGE YOUR PRAYER LIFE AND TRUST IN GOD?

- 1. DAVID WAS OUT OF POSITION WHEN HE ELECTED TO STAY HOME VS. GO TO BATTLE IN THE SPRING. WHY IS THIS SIGNIFICANT IN CONNECTION TO HIS SIN WITH BATHSHEBA?
- 2.URIAH'S LOYALTY AND INTEGRITY STAND IN STARK CONTRAST TO DAVID'S ATTEMPT TO COVER UP HIS SIN. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS CONTRAST?
- 3. DAVID IS FAMOUSLY KNOWN AS A "MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART" AS QUOTED IN ACTS 13 FROM 1 SAMUEL 13. HOW DO WE RECONCILE THIS BEING A TRUE STATEMENT WITH THE OBVIOUSNESS OF HIS SIN HERE IN 2 SAMUEL 11?



WHAT'S YOUR STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 10-11?

	TWO CHAPTERS CHALLENGE OR ENCOURAGE YOU?
CREATE YOUR	OWN "STICKY NOTE" AND BE WILLING TO SHARE.
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WEEK 7 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 12-13 Discuss on: 10/01/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 12

- 1. NATHAN USED A PARABLE TO CONFRONT DAVID
 ABOUT HIS SIN. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS APPROACH
 WAS EFFECTIVE, AND WHAT CAN WE LEARN ABOUT
 ADDRESSING SIN IN OTHERS?
- 2. WHAT HINDERS US FROM IMMEDIATE REPENTANCE FROM SIN (12:13) WHEN CONFRONTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT OR ANOTHER PERSON?
- 3. WHAT DO YOU FIND SIGNIFICANT ABOUT DAVID'S CHOICE TO FAST FOR HIS CHILD, EVEN THOUGH THE PROPHET DECLARED THE FATE OF THE CHILD? HOW DO YOU RESPOND WHEN YOU ASK GOD FOR A THING AND THE OUTCOME ISN'T WHAT YOU PRAYED FOR?

- 1. OFTENTIMES THE WORLD TELLS US THAT THE TRUTH IS IN WHAT AND HOW WE FEEL. WHY DOES THE STORY OF AMNON AND TAMAR CHALLENGE WHAT THE WORLD SAYS?
- 2.AMNON'S SIN IS CLEAR. DISCUSS THE ROLE OF JONADAB AND HOW HIS INFLUENCE COULD HAVE HELPED TO AVOID THIS TERRIBLE ORDEAL.
- 3. DAVID WAS ANGRY BUT DID NOT TAKE ACTION AGAINST AMNON. WHAT LESSONS CAN WE LEARN ABOUT LEADERSHIP AND ADDRESSING WRONGDOING?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 12-13 "PROVERBS 3:12 SAYS THAT THE LORD "CORRECTS THOSE HE LOVES."

WE SHOULD SEE EVERY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SIN AND MISTAKE IN OUR LIVES, EVEN THOUGH IT MIGHT PRODUCE SADNESS, AS LOVE FROM THE FATHER TO COME BACK INTO RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

WEEK 8: Social Night (10/08/25)

WEEK 9 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 14-16 Discuss on: 10/15/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 14

- 1. JOAB ORCHESTRATED ABSALOM'S RETURN TO JERUSALEM BY USING A WISE WOMAN TO TELL A PARABLE. HOW DOES THIS APPROACH COMPARE TO NATHAN'S CONFRONTATION OF DAVID IN CHP 12?
- 2.HOW CAN DAVID'S DECISION TO ALLOW ABSALOM'S RETURN WITHOUT RECONCILIATION BE INTERPRETED IN THE CONTEXT OF UNRESOLVED TENSION?

CHAPTER 15

- 1. WHAT DOES ABSALOM'S STRATEGY TO WIN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE (VS 1–6) REVEAL ABOUT THE POWER OF CHARISMA VERSUS CHARACTER IN LEADERSHIP?
- 2. DAVID SENDS THE ARK OF THE COVENANT BACK TO JERUSALEM (VS 24–29). WHAT DOES THIS DECISION SHOW ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?
- 3. DAVID FLEES JERUSALEM WEEPING AND BAREFOOT (VS 15:30). HOW DOES THIS MOMENT FORESHADOW THE PATH OF JESUS?

CHAPTER 16

1. COMPARE DAVID'S HUMILITY IN EXILE WITH ABSALOM'S PRIDE IN SEIZING POWER. HOW CAN HUMILITY POSITION US TO RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE?



WHAT'S YOUR STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 14-16?
THE RESULTS OF SIN AND GREED ARE COSTLY. GIVE ONE "STICKY
NOTE" THOUGHT IN YOUR HEART THAT COULD BE BENEFICIAL FO
OTHERS.
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WEEK 10 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 17-18 Discuss on: 10/22/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 17

- 1. WHY DOES GOD CAUSE AHITHOPHEL'S WISE ADVICE TO BE REJECTED?
- 2.2 SAMUEL 17:15-22 IS FULL OF COURAGE, CLOSE CALLS, AND ORDINARY PEOPLE TAKING GREAT RISKS. WHAT MOTIVATED THESE INDIVIDUALS TO BE PART OF SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION?
- 3.WHAT, IF ANYTHING, IS MISSING FROM OUR
 COMMUNITY THAT WOULD LEAD US TO RESPOND TO
 THOSE IN DARK MOMENTS AS THIS COMMUNITY
 RESPONDS TO DAVID AT THE END OF 2 SAMUEL 17?

- 1. HOW DO WE NAVIGATE SITUATIONS WHERE OUR DUTIES AND OUR PERSONAL AFFECTIONS ARE IN DIRECT CONFLICT AS DAVID HAD TO IN 2 SAMEUL 18:1-5?
- 2.ABSALOM'S DEATH IS DRAMATIC AND SYMBOLIC (CAUGHT IN A TREE, PIERCED IN THE HEART). CAN YOU THINK OF OTHER BIBLICAL FIGURES OR PERSONAL EXAMPLES THAT PARALLEL THIS?
- 3. WHAT CAN THE CHURCH LEARN ABOUT RESPONDING TO THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING—EVEN WHEN THE SITUATION IS COMPLICATED, AS DAVID DID FOR ABSALOM (18:33)?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 17-18 "HONOR AND FEAR OUR GOD"

PROVERBS 1:7 TEACHES "THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE BEGINNING OF WISDOM." ABSALOM'S SEEKING OF MAN'S WISDOM LEADS TO DESTRUCTION. OUR REVERENCE OF THE LORD IS OUR FIRST STEP TO MAKING THE BEST CHOICES IN LIFE

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WEEK 11 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 19-20 Discuss on: 10/29/25 STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 19

- 1. WHAT DOES DAVID'S GRIEF OVER ABSALOM'S DEATH TEACH US ABOUT BALANCING PERSONAL EMOTIONS WITH LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES?
- 2.ISRAEL STRUGGLES BETWEEN WHO THEY ANOINTED (ABSALOM) AND WHO GOD ANOINTED (DAVID) TO BECOME KING AFTER ABSALOM'S DEATH. HOW DOES THIS CHALLENGE YOU WITH EXALTING WHAT MEN CALL ANOINTING VS GOD'S ANOINTING?
- 3. AFTER DAVID IS REBUKED BY JOAB, DAVID'S RESPONSE IS TO SHOW MERCY TO SHIMEI, AND KINDNESS TO MEPHIBOSHETH AND BARZILLAI. HOW DID THIS CHALLENGE YOU TO WALK IN THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT DESPITE NEGATIVE ACTIONS TOWARD YOU?

- 1.2 SAMUEL 20: 2 SAYS ISRAEL DESERTED DAVID. HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED THIS BEFORE? WHAT KIND OF ENCOURAGEMENT DID YOU EXPERIENCE FROM THOSE WHO WERE FOR YOU?
- 2.2 SAMUEL 20:15-22, WISDOM FROM A NAMELESS WOMAN MEETS VENGEANCE AND WISDOM SAVES A TOWN. HOW DOES THIS INSPIRE YOU TO SEEK THE MIND OF CHRIST OVER WHAT YOU'RE ABLE TO DO IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH?



WHAT'S YOUR STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 19-20?

HOW DO THESE TWO CHAPTERS CHALLENGE OR ENCOURAGE YO
CREATE YOUR OWN "STICKY NOTE" AND BE WILLING TO SHARE
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WEEK 12 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 21-22 Discuss on: 11/05/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 21

- 1. HOW DOES THIS STORY MAKE YOU FEEL ABOUT THE IDEA OF FACING CONSEQUENCES FOR SOMETHING A PREVIOUS LEADER (OR FAMILY MEMBER) DID?
- 2.2 SAMUEL 21:15-22 DESCRIBES SEVERAL BATTLES WITH GIANTS. HOW DO THE VICTORIES OF BATTLES WON YESTERDAY PROVIDE HOPE FOR BELIEVERS TOMORROW?

- 1. DAVID'S SONG IN CHAPTER 22 SHOWCASES THE POWER OF WORSHIP IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER. DISCUSS THE IMPORTANCE YOU LEARN THROUGH DAVID'S SONG AND HOW TO APPLY IT TO YOUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE.
- 2.OFTENTIMES, WORSHIP IS DESCRIBED AS AN ACTIVITY DONE WHEN MUSIC IS PLAYED AT CHURCH. HOW DOES DAVID'S SONG CHALLENGE THAT IDEA?
- 3.IN HIS SONG, DAVID PROCLAIMS, "THE LORD HAS DEALT WITH ME ACCORDING TO MY RIGHTEOUSNESS..." (22:21) IN LIGHT OF DAVID'S PAST MISTAKES (I.E. BATHSHEBA AND URIAH), HOW DOES THIS STATEMENT STRIKE YOU?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 21-22 "WE SERVE A LOVING, FAITHFUL GOD"

"WE SERVE A LOVING, FAITHFUL GOD"					
NO MATTER WHAT THE CIRCUMSTANCE, HE WILL NEVER					
LEAVE OR FORSAKE THOSE WHO ARE HIS. THESE TWO					
CHAPTERS HELP US TO CELEBRATE THIS FACT!					



WEEK 13 GUIDE:

Read: 2 Samuel 23-24 Discuss on: 11/12/25

STUDY QUESTIONS:

CHAPTER 23

- 1. REFLECT ON YOUR LIFE AND THE LEGACY YOU WANT TO LEAVE. WHAT WOULD YOU DESIRE THE IMPACT OF YOUR LAST WORDS TO BE AND ON WHOM WOULD YOU MOST DESIRE THEM TO IMPACT?
- 2. WHY DO YOU THINK THE BIBLE RECORDS THE SPECIFIC ACTS OF BRAVERY BY DAVID'S MIGHTY MEN? HOW CAN THEIR COURAGE INSPIRE US IN OUR FAITH JOURNEY?
- 3. WHICH PORTION OF DAVID'S LAST WORDS ARE MOST SIGNIFICANT TO YOU? WHY?

- 1. WHY WAS TAKING THE CENSUS (24:1-9) CONSIDERED A SIN? JUXTAPOSE THIS WITH 1 CHRONICLES 21:1-9 AND EXODUS 30:12.
- 2.IN VERSE 17, DAVID TAKES PERSONAL
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NATION'S SUFFERING. HOW
 DOES THIS POINT FORWARD TO THE ROLE OF CHRIST
 AS THE ULTIMATE INTERCESSOR?
- 3. DAVID BUILT AN ALTAR AND OFFERED SACRIFICES TO STOP THE PLAGUE. WHY IS HIS REFUSAL TO OFFER "THAT WHICH COSTS ME NOTHING" IMPORTANT? WHAT DOES THIS TEACH US ABOUT SACRIFICE IN OUR LIVES TODAY?



STICKY NOTE: 2 SAMUEL 23-24 "SING A NEW SONG TO THE LORD!"

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SAMUEL BEGINS AND ENDS WITH A SONG FROM DAVID
SAMUEL 1 & 2 SAMUEL 23). MAY A SONG ALWAYS BE IN
OUR HEARTS, IN THE GOOD AND THE BAD.
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WEEK 14 GUIDE:

Read: STUDY COMPLETE - SOCIAL NIGHT 11/19/25

THANKSGIVING FEAST

11/19/25



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