"I And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him. 4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world, 6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 7 And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. 8 The neighbours therefore, and they which before had seen him that he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Some said, This is he: others said, He is like him: but he said, I am he. 10 Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? 11 He answered and said, A man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received sight. 12 Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I know not. 13 They brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 14 And it was the sabbath day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Then again the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. 16 Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 17 They say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. 18 But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight. 19 And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself. 22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples? 28 Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. 29 We know that God spake unto Moses: as for this fellow, we know not from whence he is. 30 The man answered and said unto them, Why herein is a marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and yet he hath opened mine eyes. 31 Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth. 32 Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. 33 If this man were not of God, he could do nothing. 34 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? 36 He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? 37 And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. 38 And he said, Lord, I believe. And

he worshipped him. 39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. 40 And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth." (John 9:1-41 KJV)

We will continue in this message to discuss the events that was taken place when Jesus reached out that man that was born blind whom He healed on the Sabbath.

"But the Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight." (John 9:18 KJV) Now the Pharisees they want to undermined the healing of the man by not believing that He was blind and now he is healed. All this was in order to nullify the testimony of the healed man that Jesus is a prophet. So now they will start to do their best to undermine the testimony of this man and how Jesus healed him. Now when they found out that he is bold and standing firm with what he received from Jesus, they resort to call his parents and try to pressurize them so they may silence him.

"And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see?" (John 8:19 KJV) Now the parent came and met the Jewish leaders and started to ask them, not to only to find out if their son is truly born blind, but how then he now can see. They wanted to hear from the parents what is their stand toward Jesus, especially now their son is healed. They wanted to see if they are cherishing and acknowledging what Jesus done to their son. See here, it is the Lord who was testing now the parents and wanted to see from them faithfulness toward Him and toward what He did to their son. So here the message of evangelism is directed toward the parents, and they are called here to show their commitments and they are to choose whether it will be toward God or it will be toward the local religious and to the socio-cultural institution. Therefore, when we evangelize or when we do any mindful action in the name of Christ we are challenging those who benefited to commit themselves to Christ and come out from all their sins and traditional practices.

The questions that had been directed toward these parents were an alert for them. *Is this your son, who ye say was born blind?* It means you are the one whose commitment is being questioned and no one else. *In every occasion God is doing something good for our children, we as parents are called to express our commitment and our gratefulness toward God.* Notice, parents will express their true commitment toward God, not before, but after they receive the good things for their children from God. Even the Jewish who questioned them they knew that this man was healed by a miracle from God, therefore based on that God should be glorified. The Jews refused to give the glory to God, the parents did shamefully the same. What was expected from the parents that they should give glory to God but they did not do; therefore now came the second question "*How then doth he now see?*" The answer should be clear, that God had healed him and now he can see. God had healed him through Jesus and what He did to him. But let us read how the parents answered these questions.

"His parents answered them and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind." (John 9:20 KJV) The parents they were afraid from the Jews, but they confirmed that he is their son. They were not able to deny him, because first everyone knew that he was their son, and second the ties with the flesh, between them and their son, are stronger than their fear.

They were aware that they had received the blessings from God, and He had called them to commit themselves to Him. But they were not ashamed to make their own ways to excuse themselves and to escape from bounding themselves with any commitment toward God. This is how unfaithful many parents toward God and toward the blessings they received from Him.

"But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself." (John 9:21 KJV) The parents did not acknowledge that he was healed by Jesus. They said they did not know how he was now able to see and who opened his eyes. Although everyone knew that they know. So they totally denied God and Christ at the first confrontation with persecution. They were not willing to take any commitment or stand to suffer for Christ. And they cannot speak on the behalf of their son, because they were aware that their son had already answered the Jewish contrary to them. So they were left to say the following to confirm that they did not know, "he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself."

So here God made a way that their son will express publicly what is in his heart toward God who healed him through Jesus, without the influence of the parents. <u>The parents were so unfaithful and they were even not ashamed of their unfaithfulness. What they said was a lie and they were not ashamed of it. But now the turn is for the son whether he will stand or not.</u>

The Word of God gives instruction to the parents to lead their children and teach them to obey the Word of God and to be faithful to the Lord. <u>The Word of God also instructs children not to go along their parents and follow their ways and their wrong stand. Evangelism is dealing with people who are challenged to come out from what they had been grown up. They are called to come out from their parents' beliefs, stands, culture and tradition.</u>

Evangelism is when God is calling people to come out from the shameful stand of their parents, their culture and tradition and declare their stand faithfully to the whole world. "18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols: 19 I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them." (Ezekiel 20:18-19 KJV)

"These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue." (John 9:22 KJV) The parents were afraid to be put out from the synagogue, because the Jews had already agreed that if any man confesses Christ will be put out from the synagogue. Why the parents were afraid to be put out from the synagogue? Jesus warned His disciples that they will be put out of the synagogue "They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service." (John 16:2 KJV) Putting out from the synagogue implied excommunication and separation, loneliness and isolation, and that will entail they will be denied to hire or to be hired for service. So their work opportunities and their business will be greatly affected. *They* shall put you out of the synagogues it means they will be banned from entering all the synagogues. So those who confess Christ is obviously they will be isolated from the society and even their opportunity for having a suitable income for living will be affected. Beside that if they were receiving certain support and allowances ordained for the poor, this will be also stopped. So their living with such measures will be highly affected. Possibly these parents they were not ready to acknowledge Christ at that time and forfeit all the privileges of being part of

the synagogue. Many they are not willing to come out from the traditional faith and the traditional churches that they are part with because the fear of the isolation and the bereavement of the privileges like schooling for the children, free burial places, free hall for wedding reception, etc. But those who think in such a way will find themselves isolating themselves from God, His blessings and His presence. Those parents of the blind born man resorted to such stand for the following possible reasons:

- <u>Unfaithfulness. What God can do more for such parents? Such a profound miracle but</u> still they preferred to be blind and refused to acknowledge Jesus.
- Non willingness to suffer. Not that they did not understand, or they did not know. But willingly they denied it to avoid having troubles.
- Materialistic in their thinking. They preferred material things and not the true presence of God in their lives. Many parents are the same, they are looking for more money, wealth and treasures, nice colleges, good marriages, good jobs for their children, and the rest, but not the true presence of God in their lives and in the lives of their children. They want to live easy and smooth life without getting the cost of any stand toward God. They want to enjoy the material things of this world and not to be cumbered by the straightness of life that God's Word ordained for us to live.
- Having no faith and lack of trust in God. They were not convinced and have the faith in God that He will provide for them when they will obey Him and have faith in His Son, Jesus, and follow His ways.

"Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him." (John 9:23 KJV) The parents surrender to the will of Jews and not to the will of God, and were keen to keep their tradition and not the new plan that God had for them. Publicly they proclaimed their choice and their stand with the Jewish even after they had tasted the goodness of God and His good promises. They said, 'He is of age; ask him', because they were aware that their son is willing to take the stand. Otherwise, if their son is like them, they might not been asked to appear before the Jewish leaders.

We are aware that their son stood the test and acknowledged Christ publicly and was willing even to be persecuted for Christ's name sake. Some people they think that children cannot or it is difficult for them to resist their parents or to stand against the stand of their parents. But that is not correct. If they are willing to stand against the culture and tradition of their parents then God will help them to do it. But if they were not willing to stand, that is because they are sinful like their parents and not that because they are not able to stand.

Going back to John 9:22 "These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue." (John 9:22 KJV) Persecution is the reason that hindered these parents from acknowledging Christ matched with their non willingness to suffer. For the same such reason when Christ healed this blind born man and enabled him to see, we could not see that other people from the city had brought their sick people and sought healing from the Lord. Because they were restrained by possible persecution, which is matched with their non willingness to suffer.

Therefore in evangelism we should be aware of the kind of the people whom we are reaching out. Either they will be willing to suffer and got persecuted or non willing to suffer, preferring

material things over spiritual blessings and the eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord, as what we had seen in the life of those parents of the man who was born blind.

Now part of the evangelism, is that we need to support those who are willing to stand and suffer for Christ and completely come out from all cultural and traditional things and to replace them the lost that they had suffer to maintain their lives. The writer of Hebrews said to the persecuted church, "And took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance." (Hebrews 10:34 KJV) Persecution contributes to suffering and the confiscation of goods. Therefore the church today needs to be ready to support those who were willing to completely come out from the traditional and cultural sins of the parents.

Our Lord Jesus Christ called the apostles to stay in Jerusalem and to preach God's Word in that highly resistant city. When they did that and got high number of people converted, we can read the following: "44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need." (Acts 2:44-45 KJV) "34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid them down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need." (Acts 4:34-35 KJV) That contribution from the people was meant to meet the need of those who were to stand the good stand of faith for Christ. The apostles remained in Jerusalem to preach Christ in the highly resistant place. Therefore, we can read in different places that Paul was consistent in sending support to the saints, to maintain their lives in such a difficult region because he was conscious that they were in need because they were persecuted.

- A. "24 Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company. 25 But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. 26 For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. 27 It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. 28 When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain." (Romans 15:24-28 KJV)
- B. "1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. 3 And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. 4 And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me."(1 Corinthians 16:1-4 KJV)
- C. "1 Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints." (2 Corinthians 8:1-4 KJV)

D. "I For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: 2 For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many. 3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready: 4 Lest haply if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting." (2 Corinthians 9:1-4 KJV)

In the same way today, we as church need to be discerning and continue to support those who are willing to be persecuted for Christ.

Now with such, we need to be careful in evangelism and have discernment, to differentiate between those who are willing to come out from sin and sinful practices and got persecuted, and those who are half hearted and they are after material things and privileges from God's church and not after God. Many now a day they have very convincing stories but not the true and genuine stories. Many also are liars and will try to deceive God's church, therefore we need to have discernment so we can find them out as the parents of that blind born man were found out.

"Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner." (John 9:24 KJV) You can see here very clearly the Pharisees they were not verifying if the man is truthful or not, but they were diligent to nullify his testimony. Even after the parents confirmed to them that he is born blind they were interested that he will change his testimony about Jesus. They were not searching or looking for the truth, but they were looking for a way to nullify the truth. Devil will always do its best to intimidate us to make us change our stand, so the truth will come out distorted. When we evangelize genuine people who are willing to repent they are so interested that we are honest with them. But those who are not willing to repent, the more you are honest, the more they will be angry with you because holiness and righteousness is against their ways and the styles of their living.

"Then again called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner." (John 9:24 KJV) They told the blind "Give God the praise." That was similar to what Joshua told Achan when he was found out by the Lord that he was the person who had stolen the devoted things, "And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me." (Joshua 7:19 KJV) The Pharisees considered that the man was a sinner because he was not siding with them against Jesus. They also considered Jesus a sinner because he was not complying with their sinful ways. People now a day they will even consider the Word of God that you teach and preach to them is sinful because they are not willing to comply with it. People they will malign the ways of God because it does not agree with their sinful ways.

Notice here that this man who is healed by Jesus, he is already taking over the ministry of evangelism and accepting to go and face even hard people with God's Word. Evangelism is not that you go to people whom you want to go, but evangelism is to go to the people that God had sent you to. We cannot chose to whom we want to go, but we need to go to the people that God wants us to go.

In the beginning of this chapter of **John 9**, Jesus was evangelizing but here we can see the man whom Jesus healed had taken over the ministry of evangelism and is facing the Jewish leader with non compromising message.

"He answered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see." (John 9:25 KJV) The man recognized them very well that they are against the truth and he totally denied standing with them. When he said, "I know not", what he meant that he is not going with their knowledge, and the way they were seeing Jesus. He explained to them his stand toward Jesus that he is not a sinner, based on the fact that before he was blind but now after he met Jesus, he is able to see.

That blind man that Jesus healed was showing them what a sinful heart they have and how they were against the grace of God. The Lord had a good and better plan for them but they rejected that plan and they were insisting to refuse the offer of God through Jesus Christ our Lord. When people consider the Word of God is not the right thing to do because it did not go along their own wishes and plan, they are yielding to their sinful ways and consider the ways of God are sinful. At this stage when evangelism reaches such situation, then we may be sure that the people are not willing to surrender their will to God. Such kind of discussion it show what is real inside in the heart of the people from worldliness and self will when they are seeing the ways of God are so contradicting to their ways of living. This is the stage that we can discern the people are resisting the Spirit of God and are resisting to be changed, and that will be the time that we need to withdraw away from them.

"Then said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes?" (John 9:26 KJV) At first they pick up on Jesus the day that he healed the man on the Sabbath. Now they are trying to find something wrong in the method that he use. People of the world, they will accept the sinful ways of the world, but they will question the truth and the ways and the methods that God uses. Here they admitted that Jesus opened the eyes of the man, but now they want o investigate the method and what Jesus did to do this marvelous work. They might asked him the question for the second time hoping that he will change his testimony, or they might found out discrepancy so they will found a base to disqualify him. Notice, in evangelism, you may find people who continue to ask you the same question, all over again, not because they want to understand, but that may found out a way that they can disqualify what you declared to them, in order to justify their disobedience to the Word of God.

As well as, notice, in evangelism, you may find people who continue to ask you the same question, all over again, not because they want to understand, but because they might hoping that you will say something agreeing with them.

"He answered them, I have told you already, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? will ye also be his disciples?" (John 9:27 KJV) The man told them that he had answered them already but they refused to accept or listen. Here we need to discern to what kind of people that we are speaking with.

The blind man that Jesus healed he answered them and told them wherefore would ye hear it again? He was asking them for what you then want to hear again? What is your purpose and motive behind such a question again? Then he proceeded to face them with what the real

purpose of evangelism, which is making disciples, as he confronted them with this question: will ye also be his disciples? What he meant with that, there is no more time needed to be wasted; either you admit to be his disciples or not. The stage that comes immediately after evangelism is discipleship. To be a disciple it means to be a follower, a student, a learner and a disciplined follower of Christ. Either they will follow Christ or they will be left out. When we evangelize, the process of discipleship should not take longer time to start. Discipleship it entail that they will accept the teaching of Jesus, accept Him to be the Christ, and they will need to get baptized.

"Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are Moses' disciples." (John 9:28 KJV) Upon facing them with such truth they reviled him and might told him other revile word to put an insult or curse on him, and spoke to him in a bad way. They reviled his decision to be a disciple of Jesus and a follower of Christ. Here it was clearly their stand revealed. They insisted they are the followers of Moses and they were not willing to amend their lives and be conforming to the teaching of Jesus. But the truth, they were neither followers of Jesus nor follower of Moses.

Moses was humble and had told them about the Messiah, therefore they needed to be followers of Christ, for Moses welcome and chose to be a follower of Christ, "24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; 25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward." (Hebrews 11:24-26 KJV) Moses esteemed the reproach of Christ. Those people they were the one who reproached Christ, therefore with what they did they were never followers of Moses. You can see here that Scriptures should be used along the way to refute the wrong opinions of those who refuse to believe. People they will say that they are followers of certain ways just to avoid to commit themselves to what you are preaching to them.

My dear and beloved: When we evangelize or when we do any mindful action in the name of Christ we are challenging those who benefited to commit themselves to Christ and come out from all their sins and traditional practices.

Evangelism is dealing with people who are challenged to come out from what they had been grown up. They are called to come out from their parents' beliefs, stands, culture and tradition.

Evangelism is when God is calling people to come out from the shameful stand of their parents, their culture and tradition and declare their stand faithfully to the whole world.

Evangelism is willingness to suffer persecution, rejection, isolation, and pressure from the community of the people who are non willing to give up their tradition and culture and the rest of the sinful setup that they are living in.

In evangelism we should be aware of the kind of the people whom we are reaching out. Either they will be willing to suffer and got persecuted or non willing to suffer, preferring material things over spiritual blessings and the eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord, as what we had seen in the life of those parents of the man who was born blind.

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Evangelism, also include that we need to support those who are willing to stand and suffer for Christ and completely come out from all cultural and traditional things and to replace them the lost that they had suffer to maintain their lives. Persecution contributes to suffering and the confiscation of goods. Therefore the church today needs to be ready to support those who were willing to completely come out from the traditional and cultural sins of the parents.

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Commit yourself to the principles that you had learned in the message, and commit yourself to the calling of God in your life to go and evangelize and be a blessing to others, to whom God is sending you, to be set free and to bring them to Christ, to His salvation, to His deliverance, to His healing and to His grace as you agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life.

Lord I thank you for your word that makes your callings clear to me. Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message. Lord I am willing to apply the principles that I learned in evangelizing and reaching the people that you are sending me to.

Lord I am willing to go into the direction that you are leading me, to reach the people that you wants me to reach and to disciple them and to teach them your Word.

Lord I renounce all my traditional and cultural practices that I took from my parents. Lord I am willing to withstand isolation, persecution from those who hates You and hates Your Word. Lord I trust you that you will neither leave me nor forsake me and that you will protect me and provide all my needs along the way. Lord I trust that you will continue to give me your Word that you wants me to tell to the people that you are sending me to them.

Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you, to evangelize and to heal the sick. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and my Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize, Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord gives them boldness to stand firm and to abide in your Word and to be willing to come out of all the traditional and cultural sinful practices and renounce for your name sake. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide all their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives and in their ministries.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new families, new villages, and new areas with the gospel, impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to preach boldly your Word and to do the very thing that you wants us to do.

Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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