

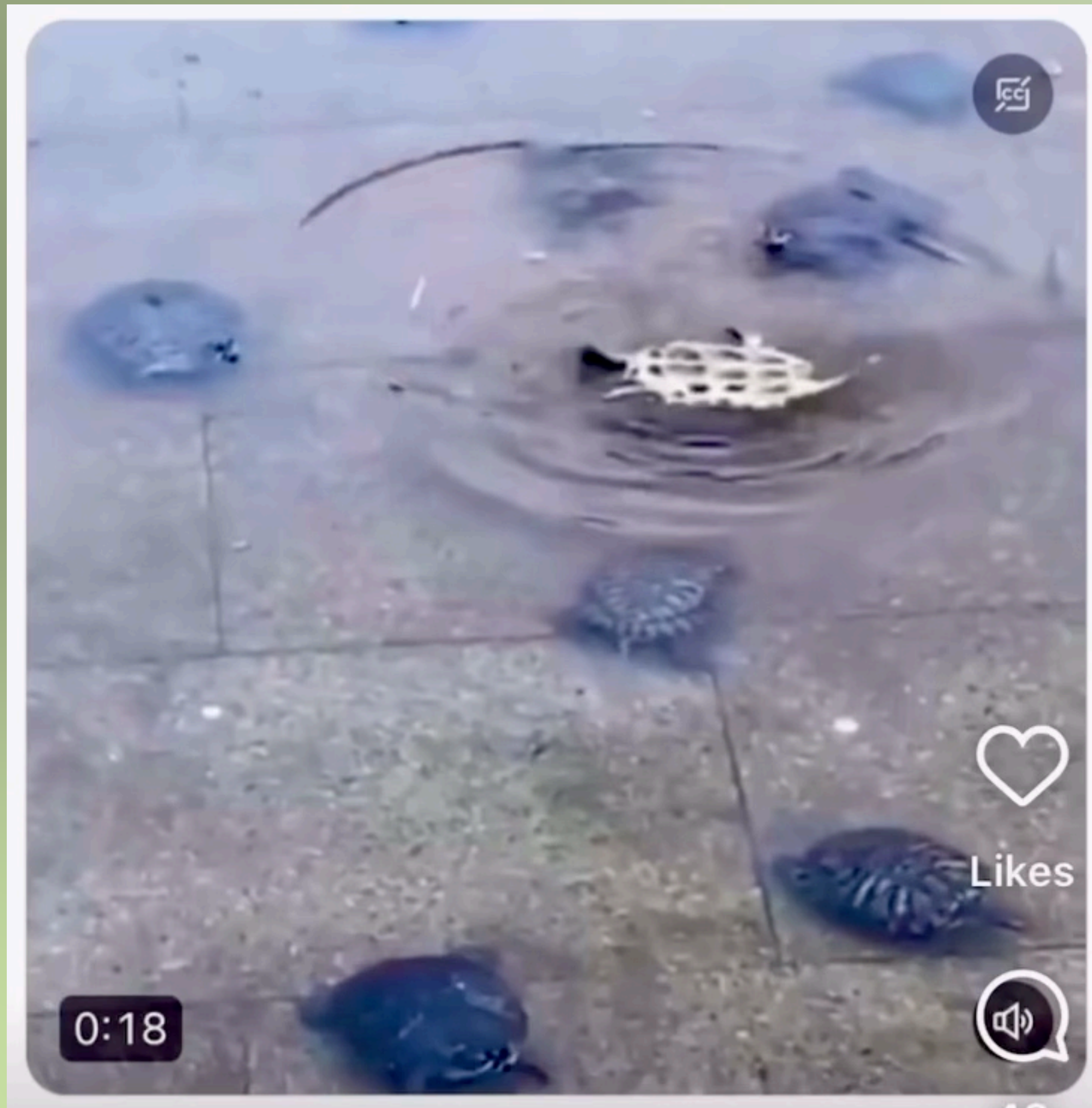
# WELCOME HOME.

EXPERIENCE GOD.

BE FAMILY.

SHARE LOVE EVERYWHERE.

**TRANSITION  
CAN FEEL LIKE  
THIS  
FOR ALL OF US!**





# TRANSITION

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GOD'S UNFOLDING GLORY  
IN THE HUMAN STORY

A GATEWAY COLLECTION

“

WE ARE AWARE THAT CHANGE  
HAPPENS TO EVERYONE, AND  
WHEN WE THINK ABOUT OUR OWN  
LIVES, WE CAN SEE THAT IT'S TRUE.

“

**DOES THE BIBLE ADDRESS  
TRANSITION?**



“

**FORGET WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PAST,  
AND DO NOT DWELL ON EVENTS FROM  
LONG AGO. I AM GOING TO DO  
SOMETHING NEW. IT IS ALREADY  
HAPPENING. DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE IT?**

ISAIAH 43:18-19

GOD'S WORD

“

**BUT I FOCUS ON THIS ONE THING:  
FORGETTING THE PAST AND LOOKING  
FORWARD TO WHAT LIES AHEAD..**

PHILIPPIANS 3:13  
NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

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**TRANSITION IS A CORE  
DISCIPLESHIP ISSUE.**



**THERE ARE FOUR IMPORTANT  
PURPOSES FOR THIS SERIES:**

# 1

## DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE

2

**EXPLAIN WHY WE GO THROUGH  
TRANSITION**



# 3

**IDENTIFY HELPFUL KINGDOM  
PRACTICES TO NAVIGATE TRANSITION  
PRODUCTIVELY**

# 4

DISCUSS EVANGELISTIC  
OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARISE BECAUSE  
OF TIMES OF TRANSITION

# TRANSITION:

1. Transition involves three phases:
  1. *Departure (THE LONG GOODBYE)*
  2. *Disorientation (THE MESSY MIDDLE)*
  3. *Destination (NEW BEGINNINGS)*
- God initiates a change that launches transition.



# **DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TRANSITION AND CHANGE**

## **1. Common emotions during transition:**

- 1. Fear (*1 John 4:18*)**
- 2. Loss/Sadness (*Romans 12:15*)**
- 3. Confusion (*Proverbs 3:5-6*)**
- 4. Anger (*Romans 15:13*)**
- 5. Shock (*James 1:5*)**

# TRANSITION'S THREE APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES

1. Authenticity
2. Surrendering the Outcome
3. Accepting the Will of God

FROM KIM NORRIS (WEEK 1)



# TRANSITION

- 1. To love Jesus is to become more like Him.**
- 2. Face where you are so you can get to where you are supposed to be.**

**FROM JULIE ELLIS (WEEK 2)**



# A HELPFUL MATRIX

<u>TRANSITION</u> <u>IS...</u>	Invitation	Preparation	Formation	Demonstration
Calling				
Character				
Charisma				
Competency				





**CRAIG &  
CATHERINE  
SAUER  
JAMIE (7)  
TRISTAN (4)  
MOLLY (1)**



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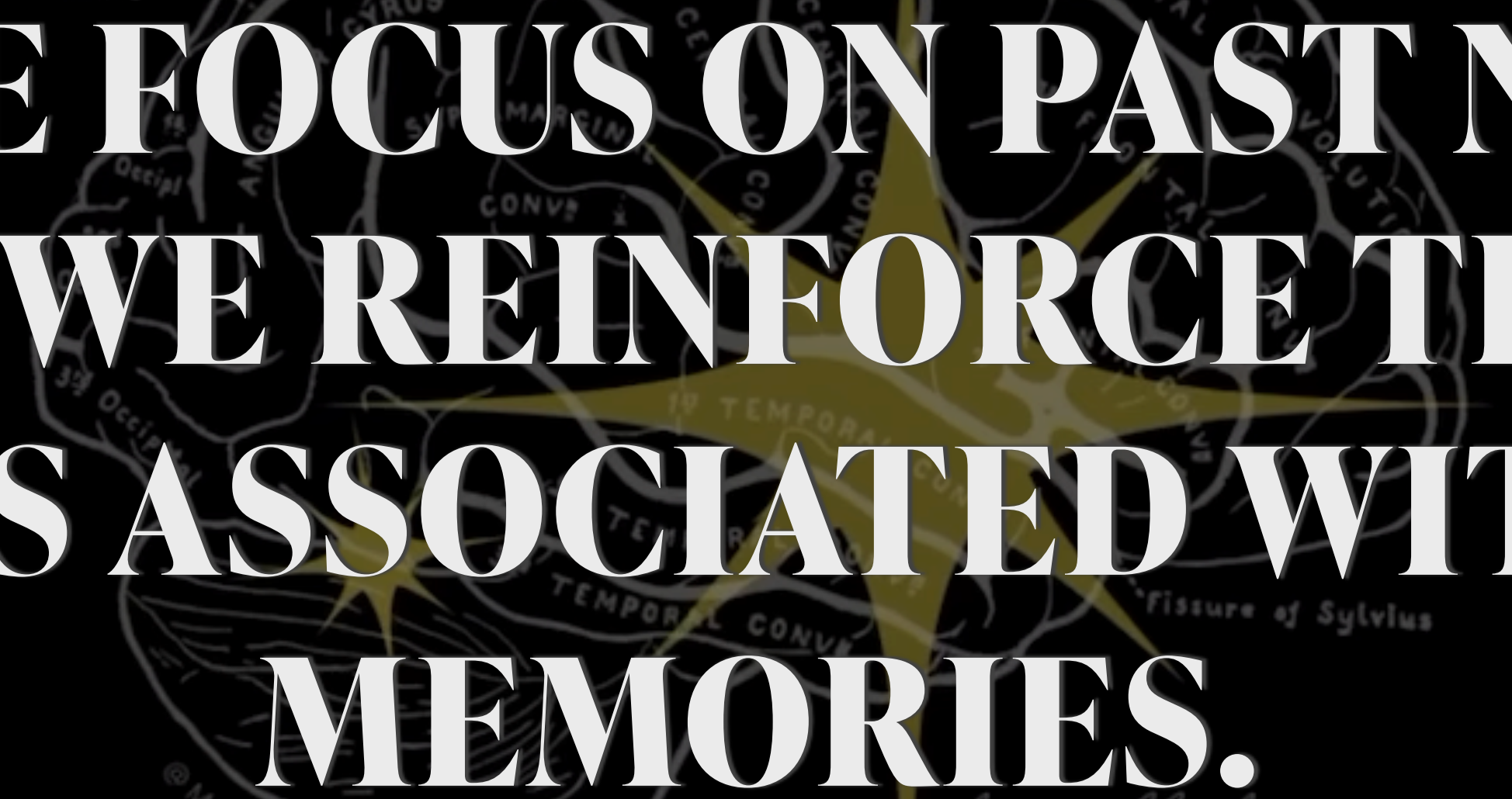
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**OUR BRAINS ARE CREATED TO  
PRIORITIZE INFORMATION AND  
EXPERIENCES THAT ARE EMOTIONALLY  
SIGNIFICANT.**

**INSTAGRAM: @MARGARETNAGIB**



**WHEN WE FOCUS ON PAST NEGATIVE  
MOMENTS WE REINFORCE THE NEURAL  
PATHWAYS ASSOCIATED WITH THOSE  
MEMORIES.**

INSTAGRAM: @MARGARETNAGIB





**BY SHIFTING OUR FOCUS TO ALL THE  
GOOD GOD IS DOING IN OUR LIVES, NEW  
NEURAL CONNECTIONS WILL “SPROUT,  
GROW, AND MATURE.”**

→  
**INSTAGRAM: @MARGARETNAGIB**



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**WHO WE LOVE SHAPES WHO WE ARE.**

***- MICHAEL HENDRICKS***

**LUKE 24:36-53**

# HELPFUL KINGDOM PRACTICES:

1. REGULARLY TALK ABOUT JESUS. *(V. 36)*
2. GUARD YOUR PEACE. *(V. 36)*
3. ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR DOUBTS & TROUBLES. *(V. 38)*
4. TREASURE YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH JESUS. *(V. 39)*
5. EXPECT JOY & AMAZEMENT. *(V. 41)*
6. TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF PHYSICALLY. *(V. 42)*



# HELPFUL KINGDOM PRACTICES:

7. COUNT ON UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD. *(V. 45)*
8. REMEMBER YOUR TESTIMONIES. *(V. 48)*
9. WAIT PATIENTLY. *(V. 49, 53)*
10. DECLARE YOU ARE BLESSED. *(V. 51)*
11. TRUST IN JESUS' AUTHORITY. *(V. 51)*
12. WORSHIP EXCESSIVELY. *(V. 52)*

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**WE NEED TO DEVELOP THE SPIRITUAL HABIT  
OF A BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO THE TRIALS OF  
LIFE SO THAT THE ENEMY CANNOT FIND ANY  
OPENING THROUGH WHICH HE CAN BRING  
AFFLICTIONS.**

**— *RANDY CLARK***

“

**TO LEAD HEALTHY, FULFILLING  
LIVES IN SERVICE TO OTHERS.**



“

**TO DEEPEN OUR TRUST IN GOD.**

“

**TO EXPERIENCE ALL THAT GOD IS  
AND OFFERS.**



“

TO BE GODLY EXAMPLES,  
HONORING KING JESUS  
THROUGH OUR ATTITUDES AND  
ACTIONS.

“

**TO LEAVE A SPIRITUAL LEGACY  
TO THOSE WE LOVE.**



“

**LIFE IS CHANGE.  
GROWTH IS OPTIONAL.  
CHOOSE WISELY.**

*— KAREN KAISER CLARK*

# APPLICATION:

1. SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH THOSE YOU LOVE.
2. LOOK FOR WAYS TO SERVE OTHERS AND DO IT.
3. PRACTICE RELEASING PRAYER AND AFFIRM YOUR TRUST IN JESUS.
4. GENUINELY REJOICE IN OTHERS' PROSPERITY.



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