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Zechariah 7: 9-10

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Acts 4: 32-35

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Isaiah 58: 6-8

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**Is it not to share your food with the hungry
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John 17: 20-23

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