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1. Who might God be calling you to care for? How can you offer the ministries of prayer, presence and/or presents to that person?
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