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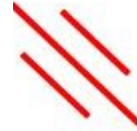


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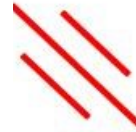


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- 5 In what sense can you say, "God chose me"? What does this mean to you, and why is it so important?
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- 5 The point of our lives is fame of Jesus. How can our lives proclaim the fame of Jesus?
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