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God's intentional and spiritual patterns for you that will provide the nourishment you need for redemption, rest, and renewal as you seek to live faithfully in this fallen world.

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