

Christmas Lesson 2019



We are knee-deep in “Advent”



“Advent” from the Latin *adventus*



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Think “arrival”



What “arrival” (*adventus*) are we celebrating?



Arrivals





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Celebrate the arrival (*adventus*)

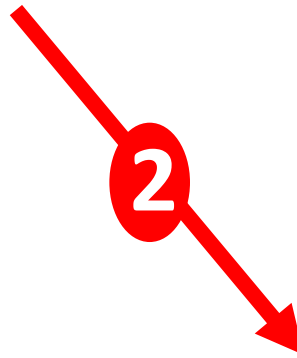


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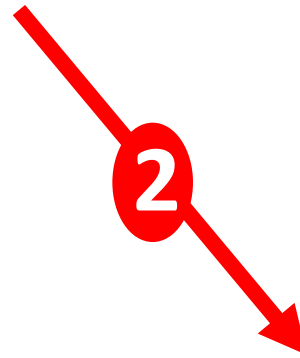
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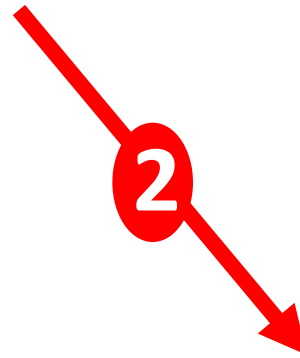


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God has purpose for you

PURPOSE

The background of the entire image is a photograph of a vast, arid desert landscape. A dark asphalt road with white lane markings stretches from the bottom center towards the horizon. The horizon is marked by low, hazy mountains under a sky filled with soft, white and grey clouds. The overall tone is contemplative and open.

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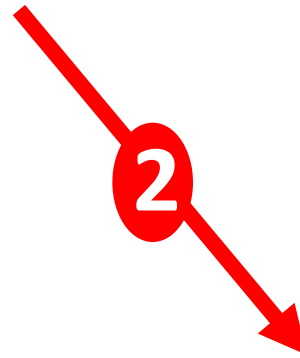
*“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him”
(Jn. 1:6-7)*

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To do list:

- read bookmark website
- plan for location
- Focus on Quality



GIVE!



HELP

KINDNESS

SHARE

THANK YOU!



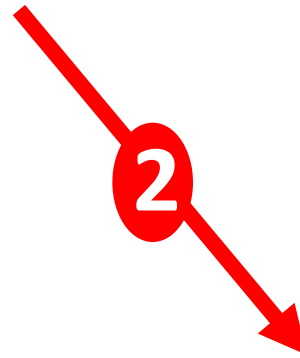
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Take
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I am going to live
holy and
deliberately to
fulfill God's purpose
in my life



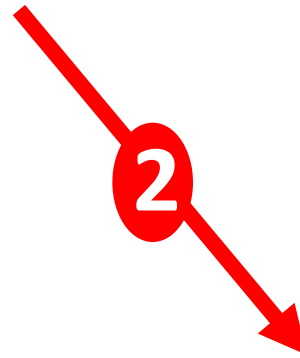
God's
timing fits
God's plans

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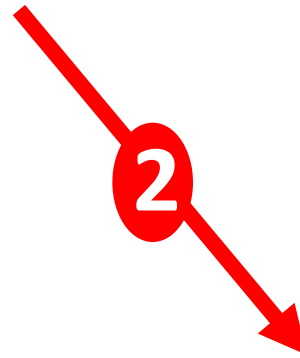
In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. (Lk. 1:5-7)



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In our lives

Why do things go wrong when we do right?

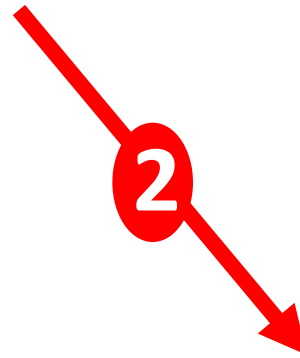
Why

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I am going to trust
God and his timing

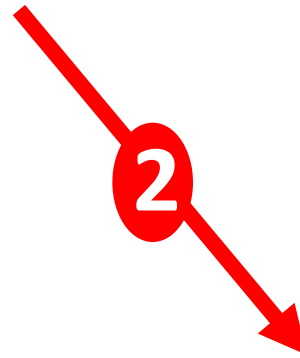


Amazing
things happen
when you
serve God

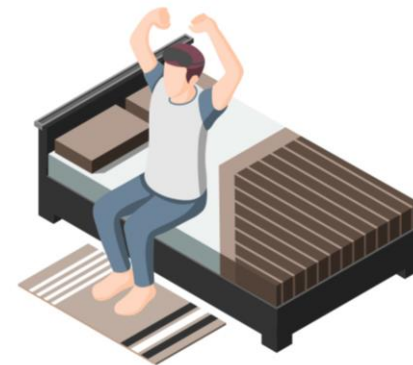
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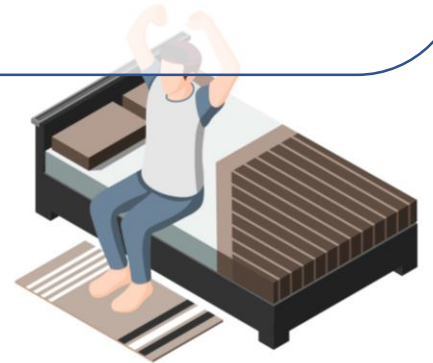
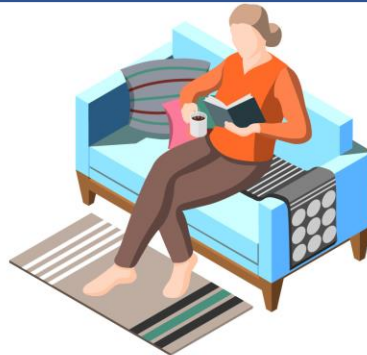


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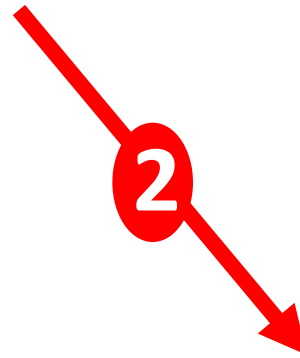
Now while he [Zechariah] was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense (Lk. 1:8-11)



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I am going to serve
God and watch for
the amazing!

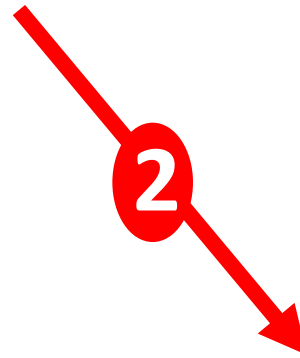
Prayer
changes
things



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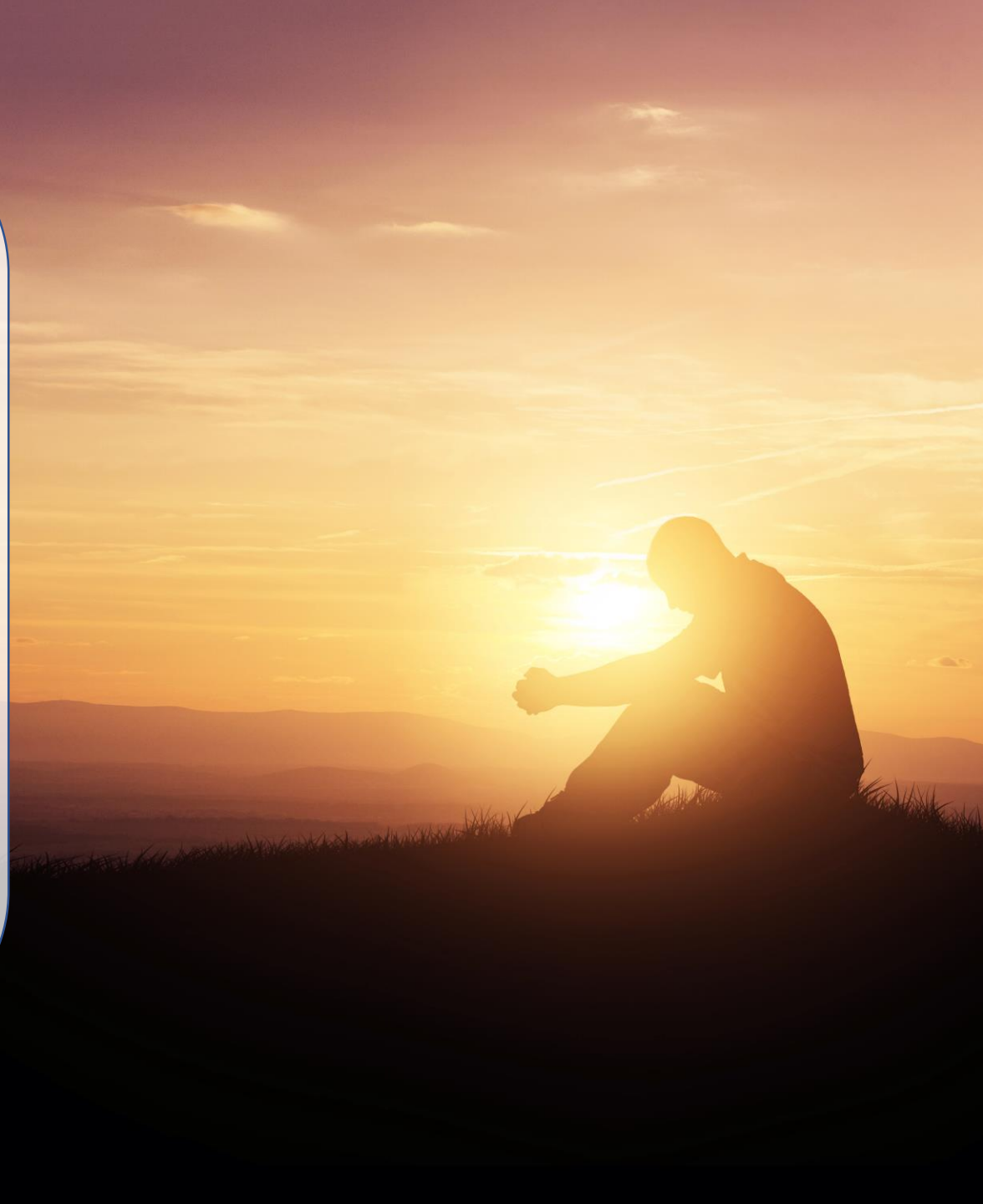
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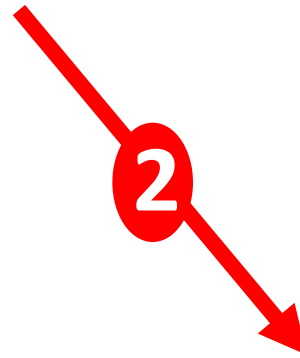
*And Zechariah was troubled
when he saw him, and fear fell
upon him. But the angel said to
him, "Do not be afraid,
Zechariah, for your prayer has
been heard, and your wife
Elizabeth will bear you a son,
and you shall call his name John
(Lk. 1:12-13)*



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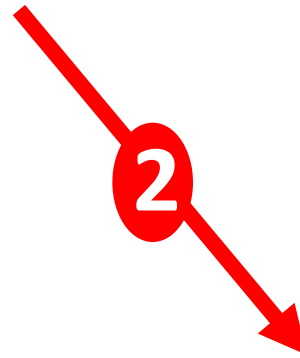
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Sometimes
we're not
so bright



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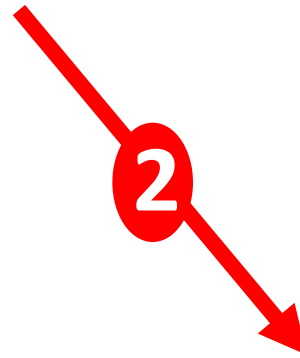
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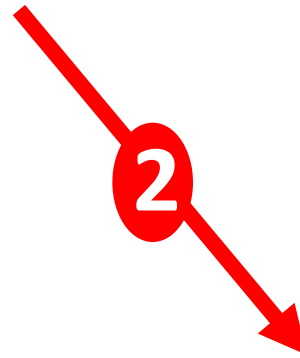
And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." (Lk. 1:18-20)

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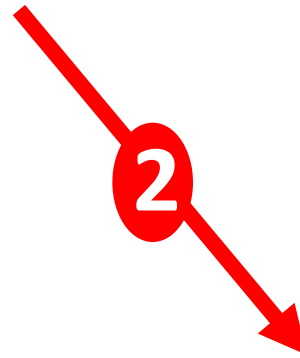


Why do sometimes our
minds go all jumbly?

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I should never doubt
the love, care, and
provision of God!

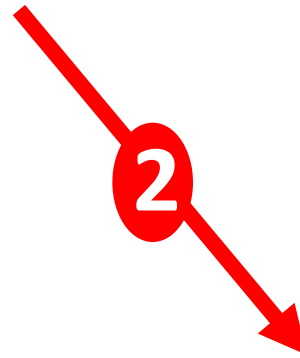


God has
joy for you

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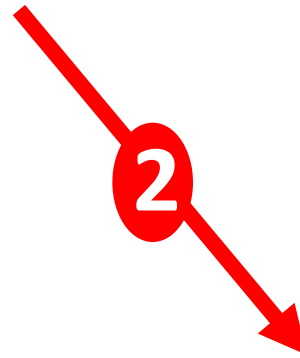


In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be (Lk. 1:26-29)

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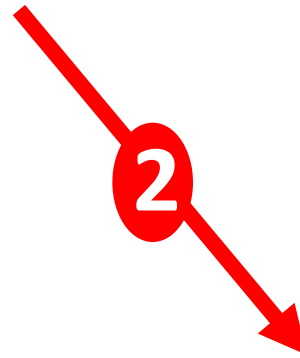
A person with short, curly red hair is shown from the chest up, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. They are wearing a dark, long-sleeved garment. The background is a vibrant blue sky filled with numerous white stars and bright, radiating light beams that create a sense of divine presence and joy. The overall mood is one of celebration and spiritual uplift.

*Rejoice in the Lord always. And
again I will say, Rejoice! -- Paul*

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Joy to the world....
The Lord has/will
come! (Ps 98)

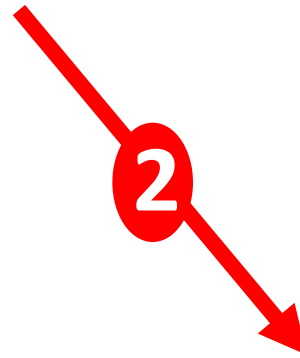


FEAR

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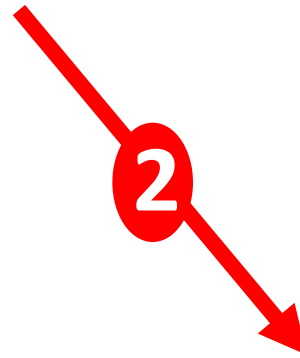
And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

(Lk. 1:30-33)

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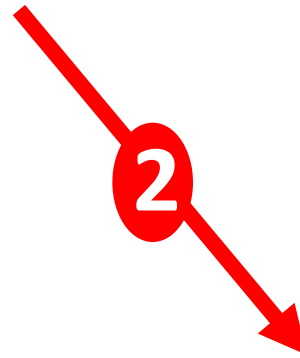
Fear is defeated by faith



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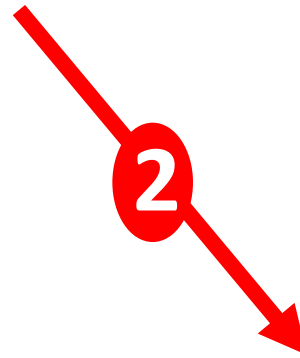


I am going to
grow in faith

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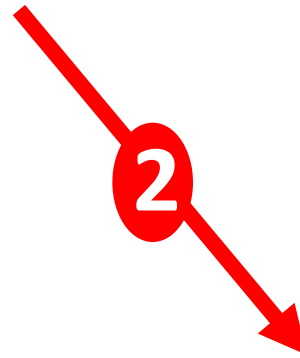
The Advent
puts things
in
perspective



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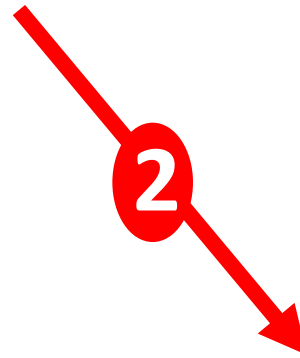


And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her (Lk. 1:38)

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In our lives



We often expect
God and others to
follow our plans

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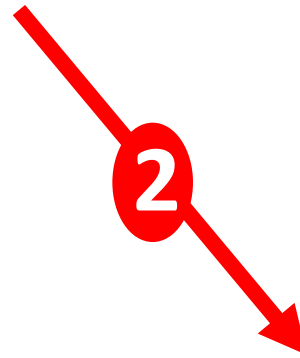
Let it go



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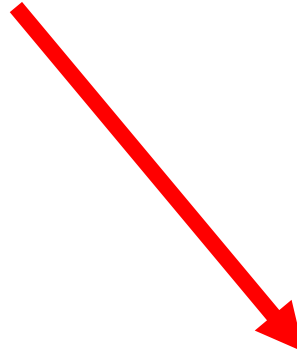


It's not about
me...

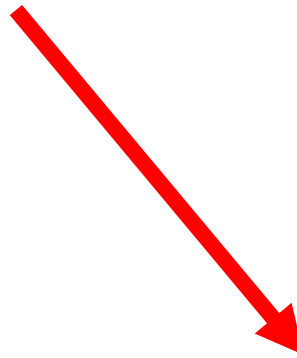
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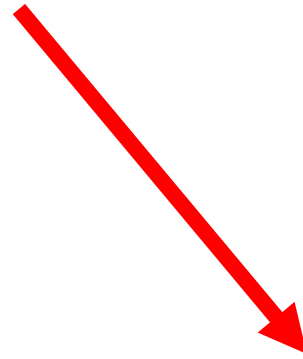
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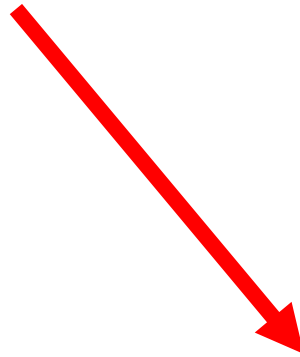


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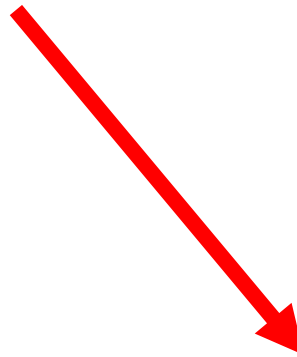


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