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Personal Application: Lord, may those around me know that You are the true and living God. May they know that I belong to You and that I serve the one true God. May it be crystal clear whose I am. May they also know that I follow your Word in all things and nothing is more important than obeying the Bible. May their hearts be turned to You, a work that only You can do!

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