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3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

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4. Who will I tell?

'I have many people in this city,' God said, before Paul could see them. Who in your city might God already be preparing — and how will you look for them?

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