



# WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

How the Church Can Be a City on a Hill

# 1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8

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WHEN IT COMES TO  
SEXUALITY,

WE ARE ALL FIGHTING A  
GREAT BATTLE.

The same God that calls us to purity is the one that gives us his Holy Spirit to empower us to do it.



**SO WHAT  
MUST WE DO?**

1.

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2.

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3.

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# 3.

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1 Thessalonians 4:4ff

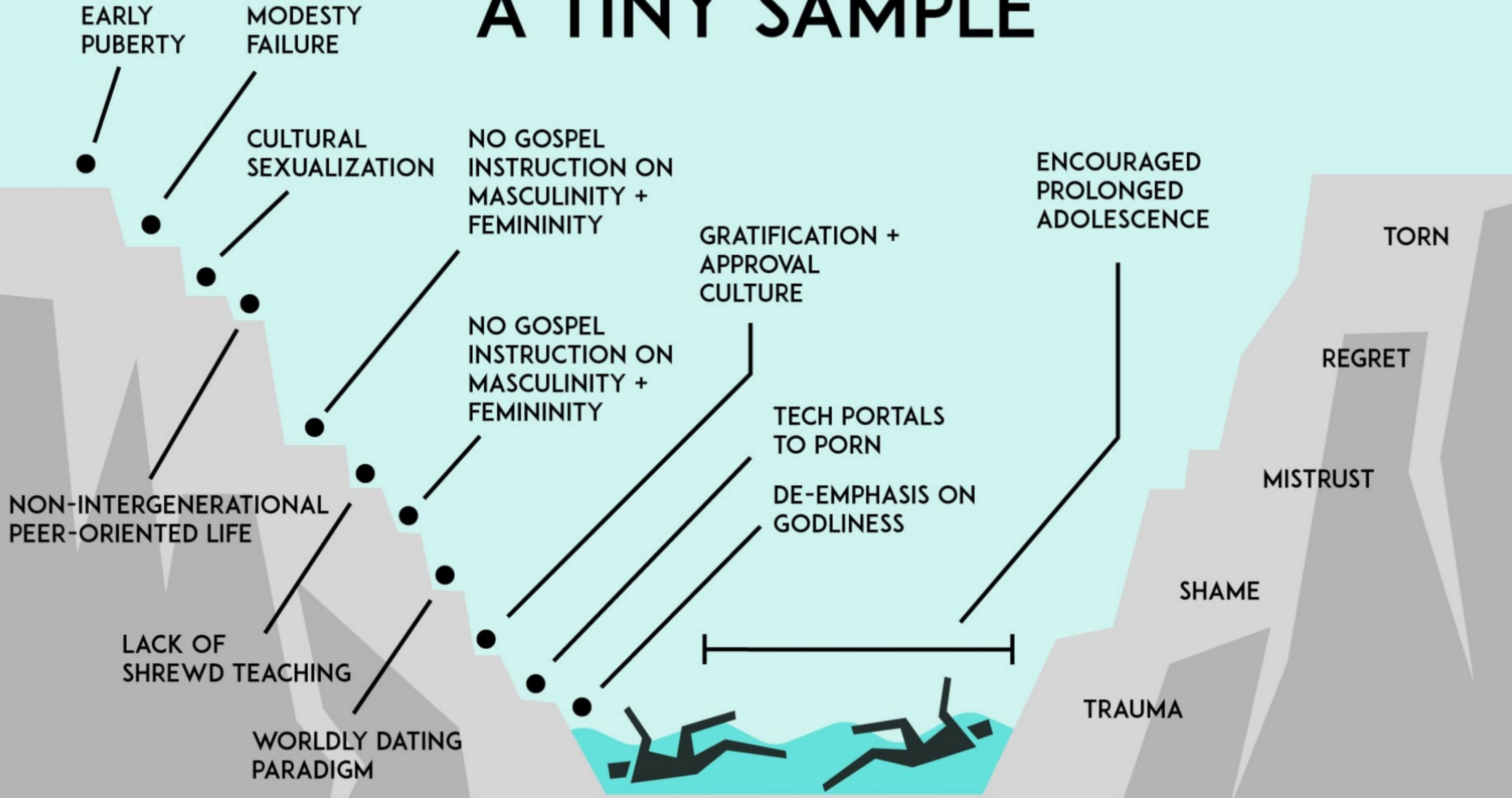
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**EXAMPLE:**

**Virginity / Chastity / Continence**

# A TINY SAMPLE



# 3 PRESENT OUTCOMES

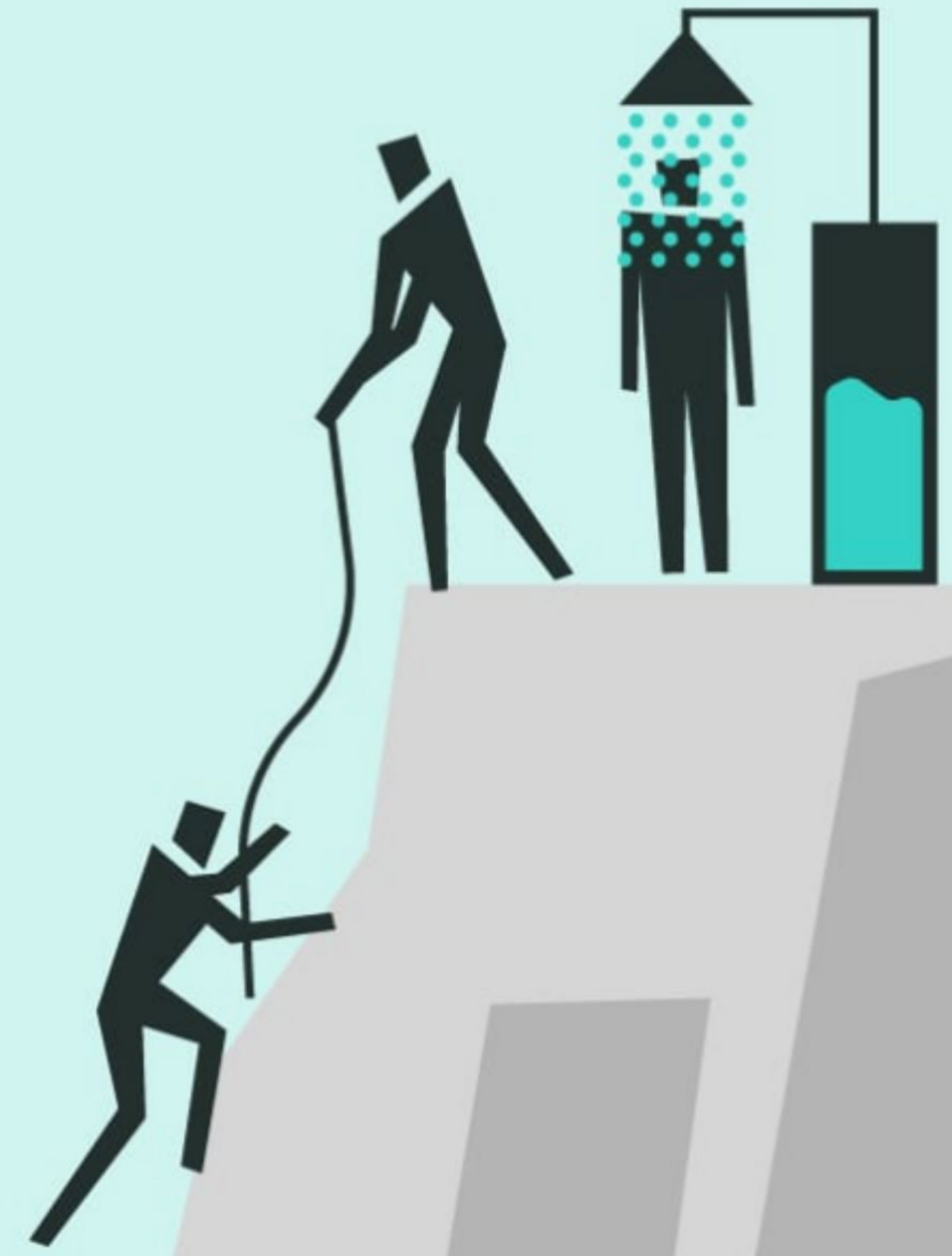


# PRESENT FOCUS:



- 1 - HELP UP + OUT
- 2 - DETOX + CLEAN UP

**BECAUSE EVERYONE FALLS IN.**  
(SOME ARE TRYING TO)



# A BETTER GOAL?

FILL IT IN WHERE WE CAN.

MAKE THE JUMP DOABLE. → ESPECIALLY FOR THE WEAK.

CLEAR  
MODESTY

INTERGENERATIONAL  
CHURCH LIFE

GOSPEL INSTRUCTION  
ON MASC. + FEM.

EMPHASIS ON  
GODLINESS

GODLY COURTSHIP  
PARADIGM

DISCOURAGE PROLONGED  
ADOLESCENCE

PURPOSEFUL 20'S:  
DEVELOP, LEARN

JESUS IS GOOD  
AND KING

VISION FOR  
SUFFERING + SACRIFICE

PERSONAL GROWTH  
INTO HIGHER LOVES  
+ DEEPER PURSUITS

THANKFULNESS  
OVER WANT

SELF-CONTROL + GENEROSITY  
OVER CONSUMERISM

AFFIRM ALL GOOD  
FAMILY VOCATIONS

SEXUALITY IS A GIFT OF GOD FOR THE GLORY OF GOD



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