ENCOUNTERING GOD

A SERIES ON WORSHIP
Week 6

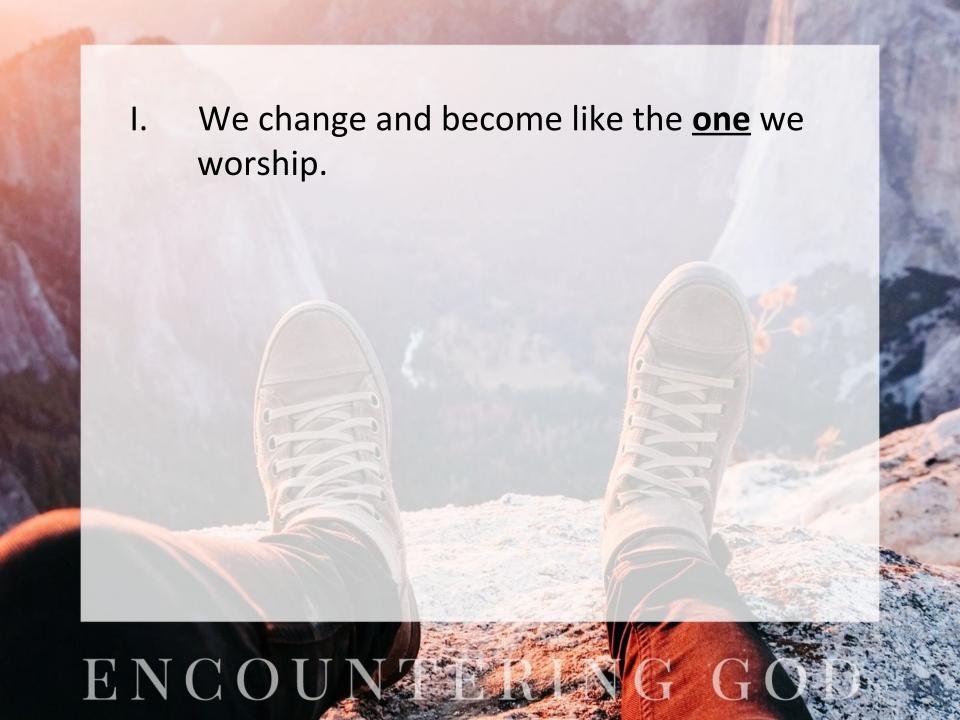


2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV ¹⁸ But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Worship is Transforming - are being transformed into the same image.

"The gods we worship write their names on our faces, be sure of that. That which dominates will determine man's life and character. Therefore, it behooves us to be careful what we worship, for what we worship we are becoming."

-Ralph Waldo-Emerson



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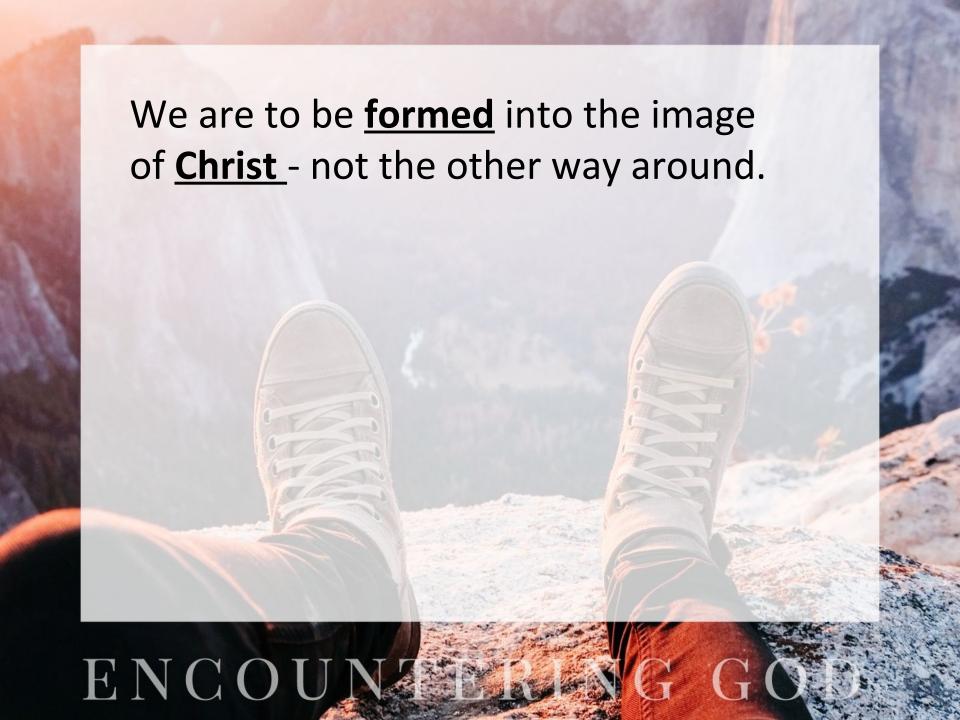
Ps. 135:15-18 ESV

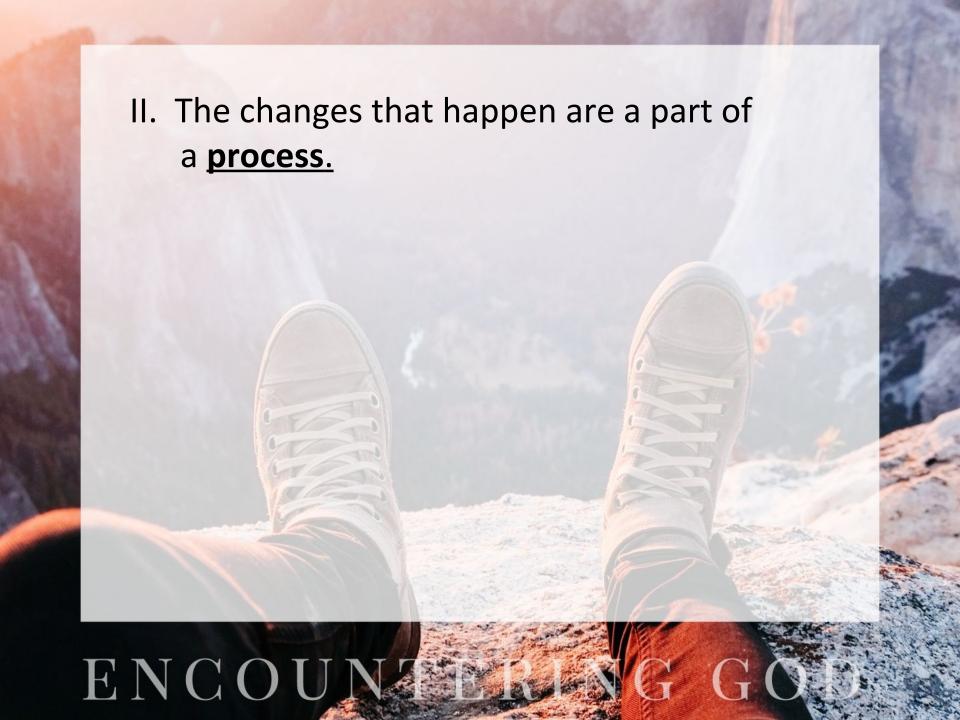
- ¹⁵ The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work of human hands.
- ¹⁶ They have mouths, but do not speak; they have eyes, but do not see;
- ¹⁷ they have ears, but do not hear, nor is there any breath in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them become like them, so do all who trust in them.

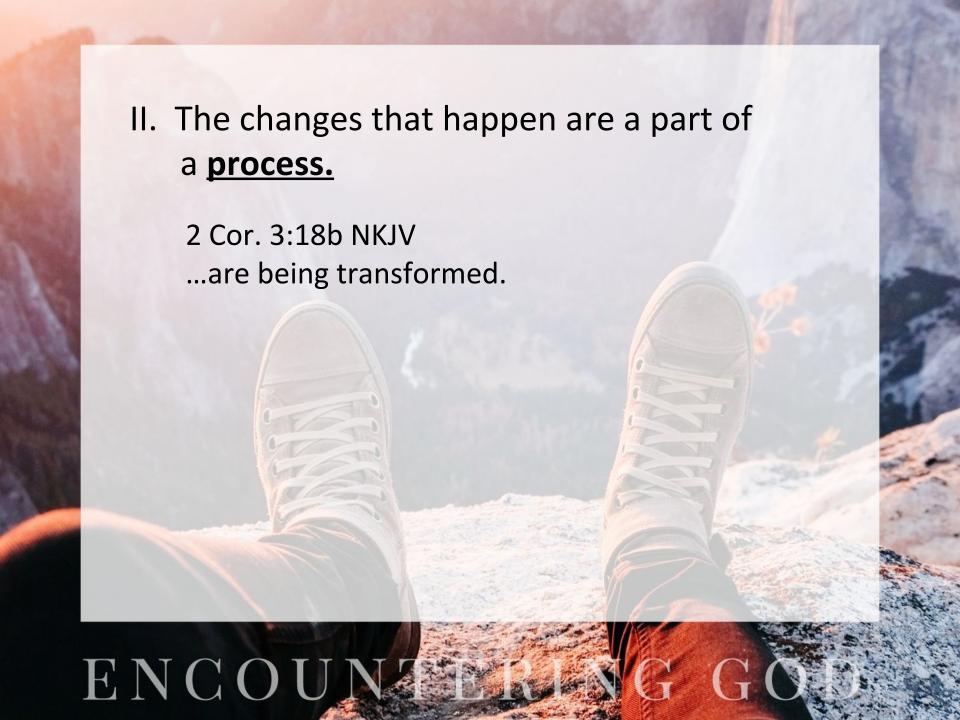
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Acts 4:13 ESV

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.





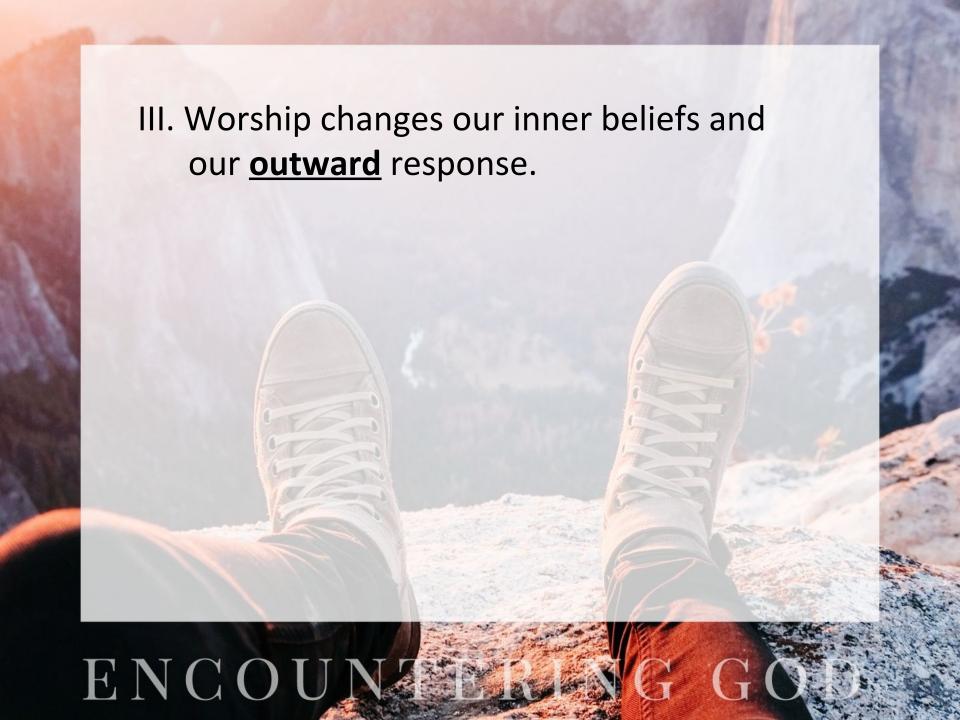


II. The changes that happen are a part of a **process**.

Philippians 3:10-14 NLT

¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead! ¹² I don't mean to say

that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.



III. Worship changes our inner beliefs and our <u>outward</u> response.

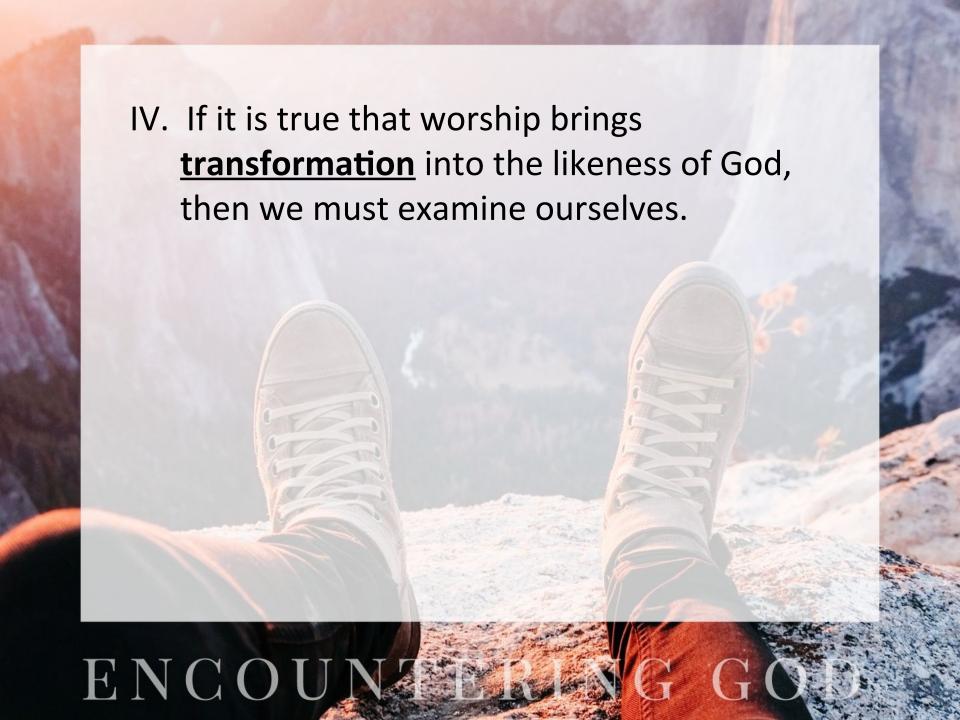
Matthew 4:8-10 NLT

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'





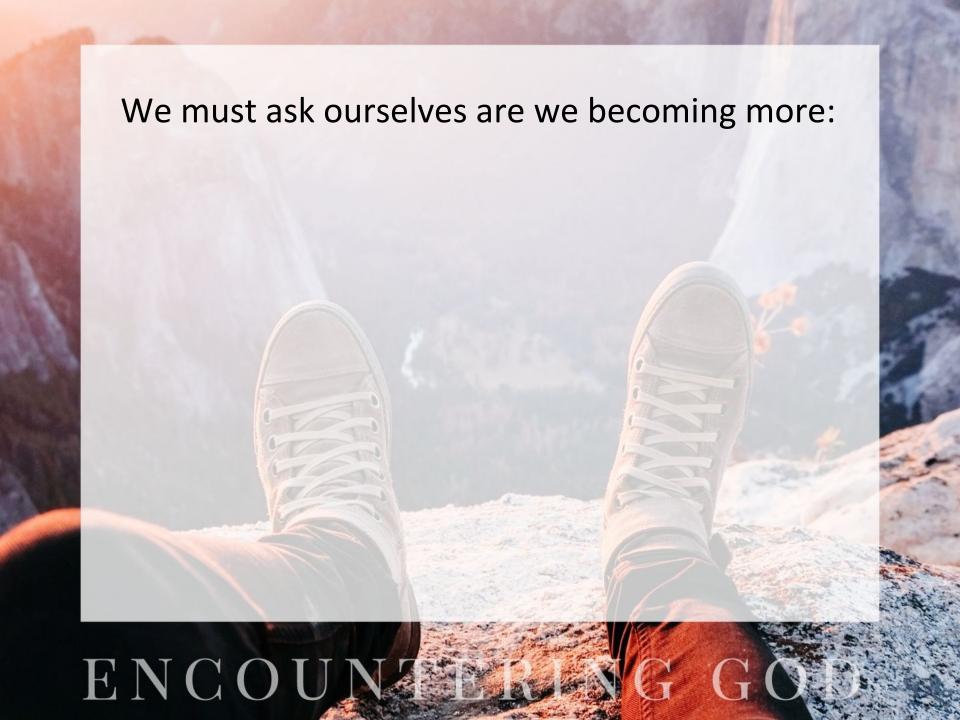
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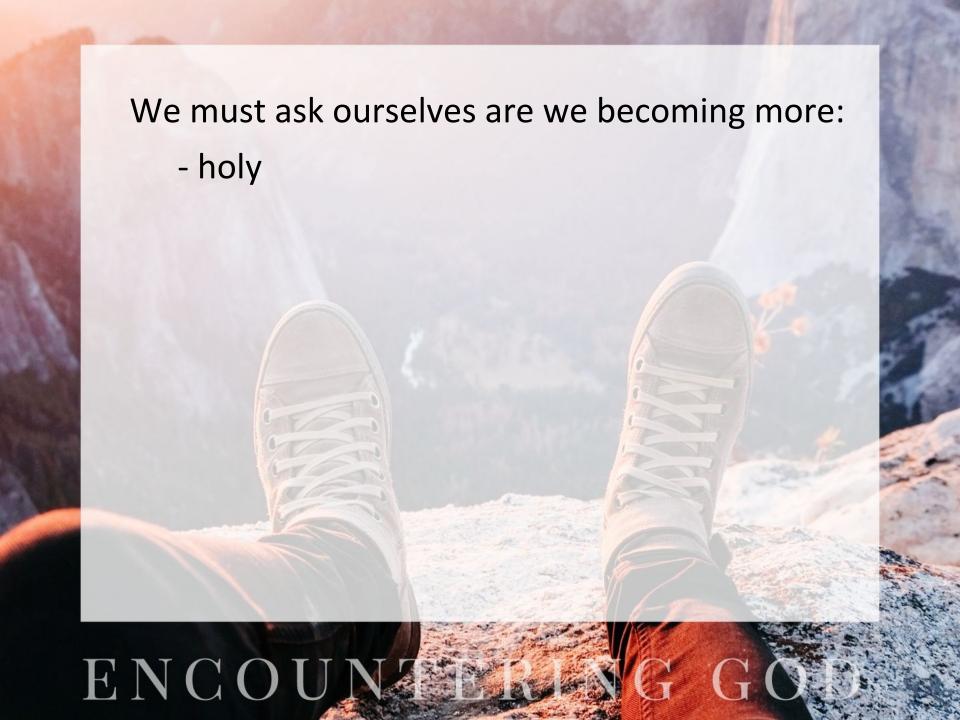
1 John 2:6 NLT

⁶Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

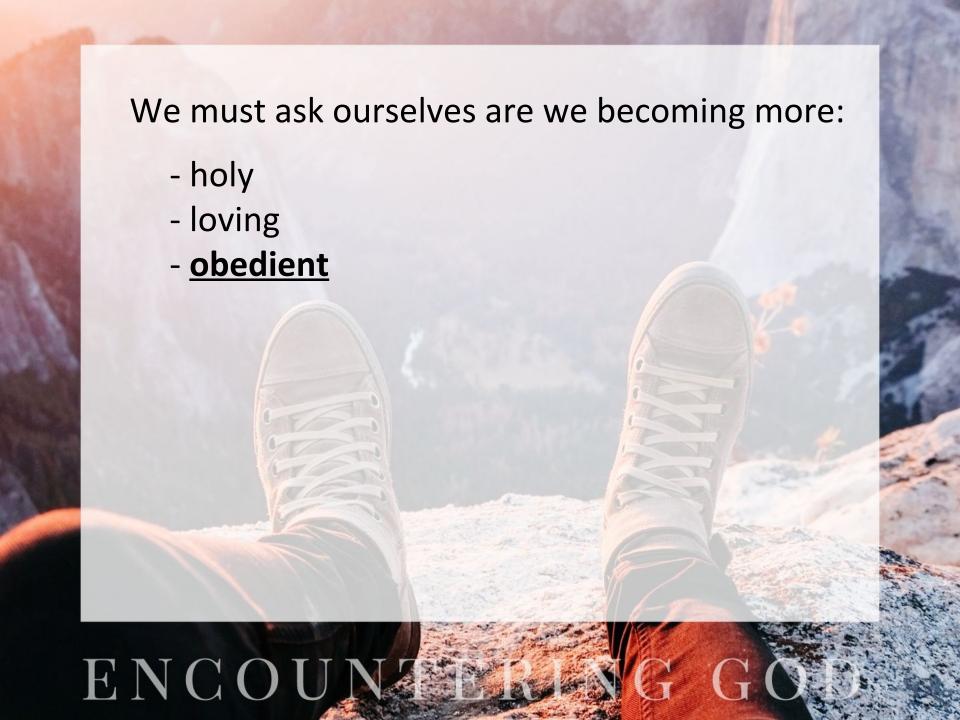
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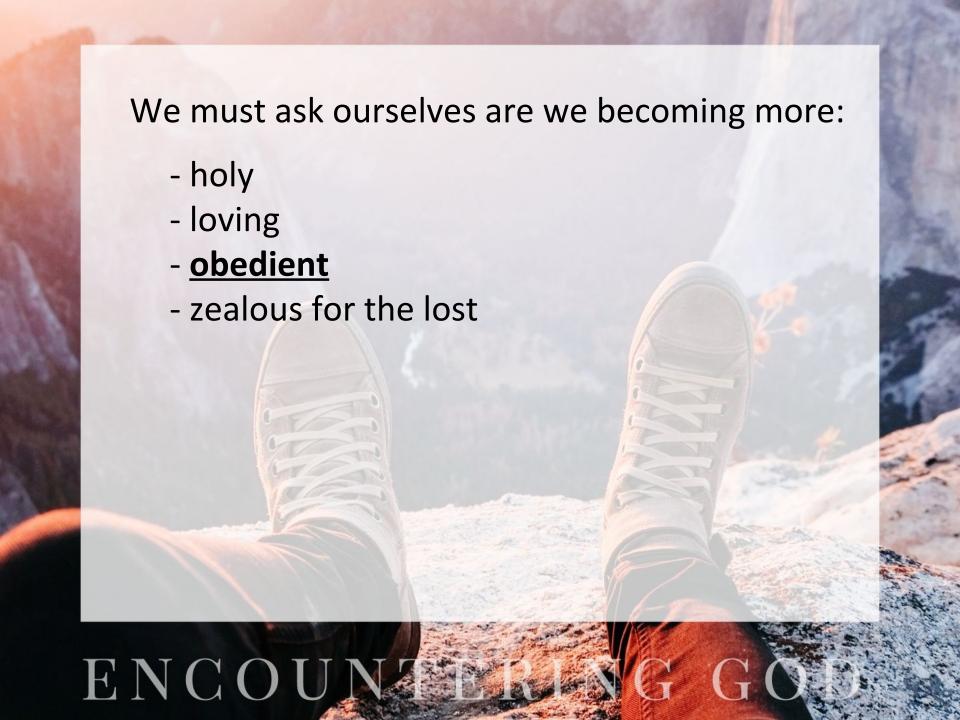
Ephesians 5:1-2a NLT Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.² Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.











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