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1. **Growth comes through obedience** (Acts 11:22-26)

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1. **Obedience requires participation** (Acts 11:29)

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