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 - OpennessConsidering each of the points, are you sensing that any of them is a growth area for you? Which one(s) and what do you sense Jesus saying to you about it?
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