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What are you pursuing in your life? Are you like Paul or are you like Demetrius?

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Dear Heavenly Father, you gave us the mission to help people know You and have a relationship with You. Thank You because you have given us the power to do so through the Holy Spirit. Help us to prioritize Your will above ours and be persevering when we face challenges. Help us also to pass this on to the people around us. In Jesus' name, amen.

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