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- Have I honestly tried to be a good witness for Christ today?
- Have I worried or been over-anxious about things over which I have no control?
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