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- 5. How does the gospel (the demonstration of God's Love and Law in Christ) speak to our inability to be covenant keepers? (What passages would you turn to in order to remind yourself of what the "Lord did"?)
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