



September 2024 Edition



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2024, Our Year of Living in His Presence



Exodus 33: 14 -15

Acts 1: 4 - 5

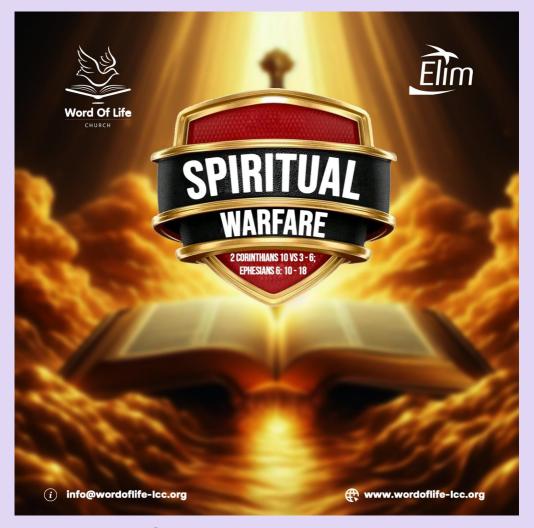
Acts 4: 13 - 14

John 15: 5

2 Corinthians 3: 17

Psalm 16: 11

Theme for September 2024



SPIRITUAL WARFARE:

2 Corinthians 10: 3 - 6

Ephesians 6: 10 - 18

2 Timothy 2: 3 - 4

James 4:7

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Welcome

We welcome you to the September Edition of the WOL Times. We are excited to bring this edition to you and pray that you will find it a blessing and a useful tool. We will love to her from you, your feedback, your testimonies, your suggestions. Please feel free to send them to info@wordoflife-lcc.org

If you are visiting one of our church services or attending any of our events, WELCOME!!! We are so thrilled you could join and engage with us. We hope you are blessed and will love for you to stay in touch with us by visiting us again or via our website, email or phone.

To get in touch with us, ask a question, get some more information, put in a a prayer request, or speak with any of Our Team, please contact us via Email at info@wordoflife-lcc.org or telephone our Church office on 0208 857 7406 and 07930 958 097 Monday to Thursday, 10am to 2pm.

To stay up to date with our activities, events and useful information, please check out our website: www.wordoflife-lcc.org.



God Loves You

God Loves YOU and wants you to have a relationship with Him through His son Jesus.

The Bible says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, Jesus, so that whoever believes in him shall not die, but have eternal life (John 3: 16).

The first step to know more of God is to obey His Word and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, by simply repenting of your sins and believing that Jesus has died on the cross and paid the price for you to be reconciled to God for ever. By doing that, you will receive a new life, the very life of God, within you, and you will become a child of God. If you want to make that step, please see below. These will explain to you more about it. Don't put it off, God has been waiting for you... Today is the day! God bless you.

GOD LOVES YOU!!!)

GOD's Purpose: Peace and life God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life: abundant and eternal.

"we have peace with GOD through our Lord JESUS CHRIST." (Romans 5:1)

"I have come that they may have life in abundance." (John 10:10)



"for GOD so loved the world that he gave his only begotten SON, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Why don't most people have this peace and abundant life that God planned for us to have?

The Problem: Our Separation God created us in his own image to have an abundant life. He did not make us as robots to automatically love and obey him. God gave us a will and a freedom of choice. We chose to disobey God and go our own wilful way. We still make this choice today. This results in separation from God.

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD." (Romans 3:23) "for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life in CHRIST JESUS, our Lord." (Romans 6:23)

Our attempts to reach GOD People have tried many ways to bridge this gap between themselves and God....

"there is a way that seems right to man, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12) "but your iniquities have separated you from your GOD; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear." (Isaiah 59:2)

No bridge reaches GOD... except one...

God Loves You

GOD's Bridge: The Cross Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave. He paid the penalty for our sin and bridged the gap between God and people.

"for Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to GOD." (1 Peter 3:18)

"for there is one GOD and one mediator between GOD and men, that man JESUS CHRIST." (1 Timothy 2:5)

"but GOD demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, CHRIST died for us. (Romans 5:8)

GOD has provided the only way. Each person must make a choice!



Our Response: Receive CHRIST We must trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and receive him by personal invitation.

him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of GOD." (John 1:12)

"yet to all who received "here I am! I stand at "that if you confess the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and from the dead, you he with me." (Revelation 3:20)

with your mouth 'JESUS is Lord' and believe in your heart that GOD raised him will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Where are you? Will you receive JESUS CHRIST right now?

Here is how you can receive Christ:

Admit your need (I am a sinner).

2. Be willing to turn from your sins (repent).

Believe that JESUS CHRIST died for you on the cross and rose from the grave.

4. Through prayer, invite JESUS CHRIST to come in and control your life through the HOLY SPIRIT (receive him as Lord and Saviour).





MORE THAN A CONQUEROR

By Reverend Rowland Henshaw

Ephesians 6:10-13

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.



2 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

The Christian journey is a journey of faith and adventure, which includes spiritual warfare. Spiritual warfare is the Christian concept of fighting against the evil forces in spiritual places, pulling down strongholds and occupying till Jesus returns.

The Christian therefore must learn to always have their armour on as a good soldier and remember that Jesus is our commanding officer, and we fight according to His rules.

Our battle is not against people, please note. There are times it feels as though the people around us are the enemies. The truth is that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against unseen powers and principalities that operate through the human flesh. These powers cannot operate on their own but look for bodies to operate through.

In Mark 5 we have an account of Jesus and the demoniac in the Country of Gadarenes.

In Verse 6-13 we see the exchange between Jesus and the

6 When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshiped Him. 7 And he cried out with a loud voice and said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me."

8 For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" 9 Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many."

10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. 11 Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. 12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them." 13 And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea and drowned in the sea.

We can see from this account that the man's life was a life of torment. Many people would have seen and regarded him as a lunatic, a terror to the community, he would have been seen as the enemy of the community, but Jesus saw beyond all of that.

Being Christians, we are faced with different spiritual battles on a daily basis. Battle for our faith, our peace, our health, our children, our homes our community, our nation and the list go.



Romans 8:37-39

37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

... In all these things we are more than conquerors through him (**Jesus**) who loved us



The Word of God continues to be a source of encouragement to us. We are encouraged to know that in this spiritual battle we face every day, whether for our families, our homes or whatever the battle is, we have already been assured of victory through His love. This is the confidence that we have in Him. Knowing that nothing the enemy throws at us can separate us from the love He has for us.

Psalm 144:1-2 makes it clear that the Lord is the one who prepares us for the battle. He is our fortress, our high tower, our deliverer, our shield and our refuge and that is why we are more than conquerors through Him.

We are not in this battle alone, **2 Corinthians 2:14** tells us that He is the one who ALWAYS leads us in victory. So, we are already assured of victory.

It is therefore of utmost importance that we put on the whole armour of God as stipulated in **Ephesians 6:11**

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

It is only in putting on and not putting off the whole armour of God that we can discern the tricks of the enemy and walk in constant victory.

Finally, we are told in to remain focussed and not get ourselves distracted by things that will compromise our armour and displease our commanding officer.

2 Timothy 2:4

No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

Remember in spiritual warfare you are not just a conqueror but more than a conqueror.





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Regular Events

Monday to Saturday

6am – 7am (daily) Early Morning Prayer Meetings via Zoom, Monday to Saturday

Wednesday

7pm – 8pm (weekly) Midweek Power Service **Friday**

12noon – 2pm (weekly) Foodbank & Community Resource Centre in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building

7pm – 8.30pm (fortnightly) Chosen Generation Youth (CGY) Hub in the Lower Hall, Rehoboth building. **The CGY Hub is a relaxed and safe space for the youth to engage in games**, **learn life skills**, **socialise and connect with one another**.

7pm – 8.30pm (weekly) Revival Prayer Meeting in the Main Hall Rehoboth building

5pm – 6pm (weekly) Dig Deep, Search the Scriptures (Interactive Bible Study) via Zoom

Sunday

11.00am Celebration Service at Rehoboth Building (Livestream on YouTube & Facebook)

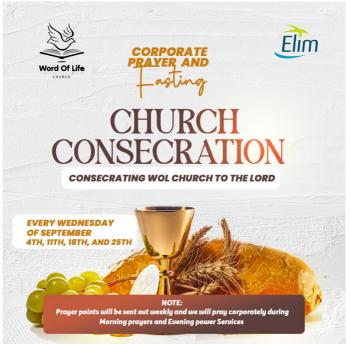
After Praise and Worship – Children's Church (3 – 12 years)

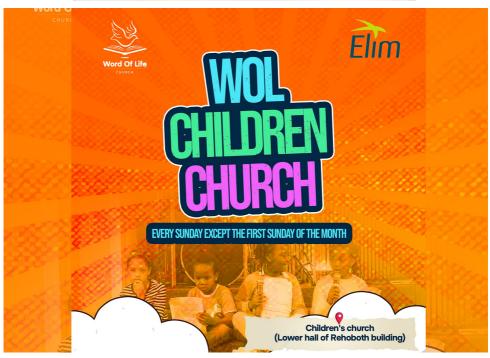
1.00pm Youth Cell (small) Groups (boys and girls aged 13 onwards) **Weekly Cell Groups (small groups)**

Meetings are held via zoom or in person once a week on various weekdays. All our cell groups are homogenous in nature so you can feel at ease. We have men, women, youth and children cell groups to cater for all.

Children and Youth

Our Children and Youth programmes take place in the lower hall on Sundays. The children meet in the lower hall immediately after the time of corporate praise and worship except for the first Sunday of the month, which is our family Sunday and some other special services. The youth also meet in the lower hall every Sunday immediately after the service for their cell groups where they can explore the message further and ask questions.







WOL NEW PEOPLE WELCOME PARTY

WOL New People Welcome Party

Sunday 15th September at WOL Church, Rehoboth Building Lower Hall Community Resource Centre after the service Note: This event is only for the new people who have recently joined the Church or have never attended a welcome session





Bible Book of the Month





FOOD BANK & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE (INCLUDING WARM WELCOME SPACE)

A Warm Welcome Food Parcels Games

Online Access for Job Search Sign Posting

Private Space for Reflection & Prayer

Networking & Discussions

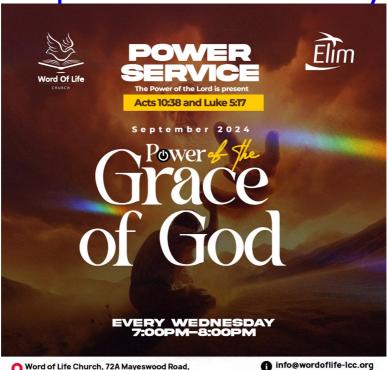
WHEN: FRIDAYS

TIME: 12:00 NOON - 2:00PM

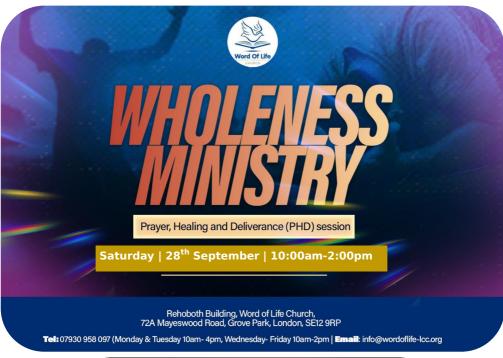
VENUE: Word of Life Church, Lower Floor, Rehoboth Building, 72A Mayeswood Road, Grove Park, London, SE12 9RP



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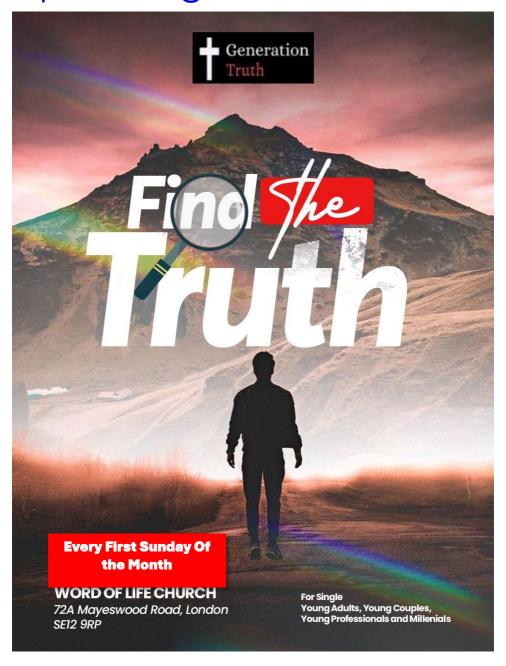








Upcoming Events to Note







To register: http://tinyurl.com/FreshLadiesRetreat2024

Youth Corner

Limitless Festival 2024 (3rd – 9th August 2024)

Limitless Festival 2024 ("Limitless") was a blast. Over the three years, there has been a steady increase of Youth attending Limitless. For the first time in the three years since WOL has been attending Limitless, WOL's Chosen Generation Youth teamed up with Youth from Hope Christian Centre, (a sister church, pastored by Pastor Dylis George) to experience Limitless 2024.

This year we had twenty youth (we had 14 in 2023), three of which volunteered to work and serve at Limitless. Of the twenty, eleven were first timers. We also had six youth workers of which most were church volunteers who sacrificed their personal time to support the youth for the six days of Limitless 2024.

In their own words, the Youth described their Limitless 2024 experience as:

PRAISE & WORSHIP

- > I felt free to worship, dance, lift holy hands, not be self-conscious and sense the presence of the Holy Spirit more.
- > The Worship allowed me to really encounter the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

- > It got me praying a lot more with meaning and connecting to Jesus more.
- > Tim Alford spoke about the power of silence. I learnt that silence when praying is important as it is a place of encounter, peace, even battle and transformation.

MIRACLES

- > I mostly enjoyed the experience of seeing miracles happening, it has strongly affected my faith, so I feel more spiritual and a follower of Christ.
- > God spoke tremendously in that place and even used a person to speak directly to me. It was truly incredible. A great lesson was that the Lord renews us in any place

COMMUNITY, FRIENDSHP AND BONDING

- > I enjoyed the activities we did together
- > The Worship allowed me to really encounter the Holy Spirit.
- > It was just so wonderful to see so many young people worshipping together in one space.
- > I enjoyed the musical jam sessions with everyone

These are just A few words describing Limitless. It was a Holy Ghost blast and a blessing to all. Even the Youth Workers, including those camping for the first time spoke about how it impacted their lives and God using the experience to encourage their walk with God.

ARE YOU NEW TO WORD OF LIFE CHURCH?

Welcome to Word of Life Church! We are so glad you have chosen to visit and be part of our services. If you have any questions will like to know more about the Church, receive pastoral help, or explore how you can connect and be involved in the life of the Church, please come speak with any of the team or send us an email at info@wordoflife-lcc.org. Someone will respond to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

Please continue to contact the office when needed by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or sending a message to 0793 0958097

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE!!!

A huge well done to the five youth who recently received their GCSE results, we are proud of you and know that God will cause you, and all our youth to abound and fulfil divine destiny and purpose in your education in the Name of Jesus.

BODY AND SOUL SESSIONS FOR LADIES

Watch out for the Body and Soul for Ladies starting again sometime in October 2024!!! Our body and soul sessions are a wonderful combination of physical fitness and spiritual food. More info to follow soon.

NEW SEASON FOR WOL

We are now in a **New Season**. A **Season of the Lord's Mandate**. A **Season of Fulfilment**. A season of fulfilling His mandate. A season of coming up higher to fulfil His high call upon our lives as a Church.

This season is to be one of:

Preaching the Gospel

Bringing Healing

Proclaiming Deliverance to the captive

The Opening of Blind eyes

Setting Free the oppressed

According to Luke 4: 18 - 19 and Isaiah 61: 1 - 3

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,

Because He has anointed Me

To preach the gospel to the poor;

He has sent Me ato heal the brokenhearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, Because the Lord has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted. To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn. To Console those who mourn in Zion. To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified."

Let us believe and pray in unity that, from now on the ministry at WOL Church will be one of:

Salvations
Healings
Miracles / Signs / Wonders
The manifestation of the anointing of the Holy Spirit
Greater Works / Exploits being done through our lives

Luke 4: 31 – 44 John 14: 12

YOUR WELLBEING IS OUR CONCERN / BENEVOLENCE (CARING FOR ONE ANOTHER)

If you have any concerns, please do let us know. Your well-being is especially important to us. If you require prayer or pastoral help / counseling or support, please do not stay silent, please let your cell leader, any of the leadership team or the church board member representatives (Brother Sylbourne Sydial and Sister Serena Manly-Spain) know, so we can offer prayer and support. Please do not isolate yourself, speak with

someone. In addition, if you are in in need and require practical assistance, please let your cell leader know or send an email to <u>info@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>

LIVESTREAM / RECORDINGS

Our church services are Live-streamed / recorded and pictures are also taken during some services and events by our media team. Please contact us at info@wordoflife-lcc.org if you have any concerns or questions. Thank you.

AN OPPORTUNITY AND A CALL TO SERVE

This year we are inviting every member of WOL to give your time, strength, commitment, gifts, and talents to serve the Lord here in Word of Life Church. Your Church needs your service in many areas of ministry. We are particularly looking for more children's workers and stewards / ushers immediately. You are also very welcome to serve in other areas that you believe the Lord has called you to with your gifts and talents. We believe that every Christian is called to serve by Jesus so please get in touch with us by emailing info@wordoflife-lcc.org or speak with your cell leader or deputy cell leader and complete one of our volunteer worker's form. Please do not sit on your gifts and talents this year. We look forward to hearing from you.

HOUSEKEEPING / SAFEGUARDING:

Mobiles - We encourage every congregational member to **please switch off mobile phones during the service** as we concentrate on worshipping God and hearing His Word and the voice of the Holy Spirit. Kindly please avoid texting, calling, responding to messages, watching, or scrolling through your mobile phone or the internet while the service is going on. We do understand that in exceptional / rare cases there might be an emergency but on the whole let's focus on the Lord and give due reverence and honour to Him during our time of Worship.

Children - We would like to remind parents and guardians to please keep their eyes out for their children and the young ones while in the

church premises. Let's join to help keep them safe and stop them from coming to any kind of harm.

Personal Belongings - Please keep your personal belongings with you while in the building premises. Many thanks for your co-operation.

For any safeguarding concerns, involving children or vulnerable adults please email <u>safeguarding@wordoflife-lcc.org</u>

BEING MINDFUL OF GOD'S HOUSE- REHOBOTH BUILDING

We would like to ask everyone to please be mindful and intentional about caring for, looking after, and keeping clean and tidy, the house of the Lord. Please avoid bringing food or drink (except water) into the main sanctuary or leaving litter behind. Let us join to do this. We also ask that you please be mindful of the carpets in the building, and especially in the main sanctuary. Let us please keep it clean as much as we can by using the mats as we come into the building. Thank you for your help with this.

We also want to be good stewards of the resources God provides us in this House, so we ask that everyone please help with avoiding wastage of any of the church's resources. Please kindly refrain from taking away items designated for the use of all. Thank you for your help with this.

THANK YOU

The Chosen Generation Youth Ministry wants to say a huge thank you and God bless to all those who donated to Limitless in cash and kind as this really supported our Youth Work and helped the experience.

LIMITLESS 2025

Do you want to volunteer or attend Limitless 2025? If yes, contact any of the youth workers via email at youth@wordoflife-lcc.org or WOL WhatsApp 07930 958097.

Limitless donations can also be made to the church account, please mark it is "Limitless Donation"

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Notices

Happy Birthday Greetings to all those born in the month of SEPTEMBER and Congratulations to all celebrating Anniversaries this month!



GIVING (Tithes & Offerings)

- CASH put in an envelope (available from the ushers), mark it as 'Christmas Hampers' & place cash/envelope in the basket
- BANK TRANSFER Lloyds Bank- Account#- 03215544, Sort Code- 30 91 87, Account Name: ECKT Word of Life Church
- GIVT APP—Download the free app & select Word of Life Church (Lewisham)



TESTIMONIES

Every testimony of God's goodness brings glory to Him and encourages others greatly.

Please email your written or video recorded testimony to info@wordoflife-lcc.org We look forward to hearing from you and sharing God's goodness

WATER BAPTISM

If you will like to be baptised, please speak with your cell leader or email the Church office at

admin@wordoflife-lcc.org.



DEDICATIONS



If you will like to dedicate your child, please contact the church office by emailing admin@wordoflife-lcc.org or ringing 07930 958 097.

Dedications are usually held 2nd/3rd/4th Sundays of the month.

SUNDAY SERVICE MESSAGES



Messages are currently available to watch/listen by visiting our YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/user/wordoflifecf
Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/wollcc
Spotify Podcast: (Word of Life Church LCC) https://open.spotify.com/show/4tWTW5KRIvYcVeifF9LPZy?si=a8d2f806ac454534

WOL Mission Statement

'Transforming Lives, Fulfilling Destinies'



A CHURCH WITH PURPOSE ...

To be a God-centred church, developing people to Christ-like maturity and equipping them for their ministry in the church, and life mission in the world.



... AND VISION

To impact the Borough of Lewisham with the gospel of Christ in word and action, and to touch London and the nations of the world.

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do all that I have commanded you."

(Matthew 28:19-20)

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