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RESPOND: What is one way you need to respond differently to God's Word—as you read it, hear it, or obey it? Where are you tempted to fear, compromise, or lose hope? How should the truth that Jesus has conquered shape your response this week?

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