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B. What Is the Heart of the Matter In God's Calling

- 1. God has **distributed** to each of us a pathway in which we are to experience His glory in us! (17)
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