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2. How does God often orchestrate events so that when His promises come true, He alone receives the glory? Can you think of examples from the Bible or your own life?
3. The sermon states, "The only thing God needs from you is NOTHING." What does this mean, and how can this truth help us trust God more fully?
4. Why is it necessary, at times, to separate from people, habits, or commitments that threaten God's promises in our lives? What might this look like practically?
5. How does this passage demonstrate God's faithfulness, even in the face of human failure and unbelief?
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