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KEY QUESTION

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OTHER DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(Optional questions to dive deeper as time allows)

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2. If those closest to you were asked what you love and are devoted to, what would they say?
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