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Right now, there is a lost world around us. People are going down, and we have room in our lifeboat. Do we care enough to go and pull them on board? Do we care enough to do something for them?

Prayer: Lord, touch my heart to touch the world with the good news of your Kingdom.

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