



The Church's Response to the Corona Virus

March 29,

FAMILY FUN TIME #1 - PUZZLE CONTEST

THE PUZZLE WITH THE BIGGEST DEER



THE PUZZLE WITH THE MOST LEGITIMATE MISSING PIECES



THE PUZZLE WITH THE MOST PIECES - 2000 - TIED 1ST



THE PUZZLE WITH THE MOST PIECES - 2000 - TIED FOR FIRST



THE BEST WYSOCKI PUZZLE



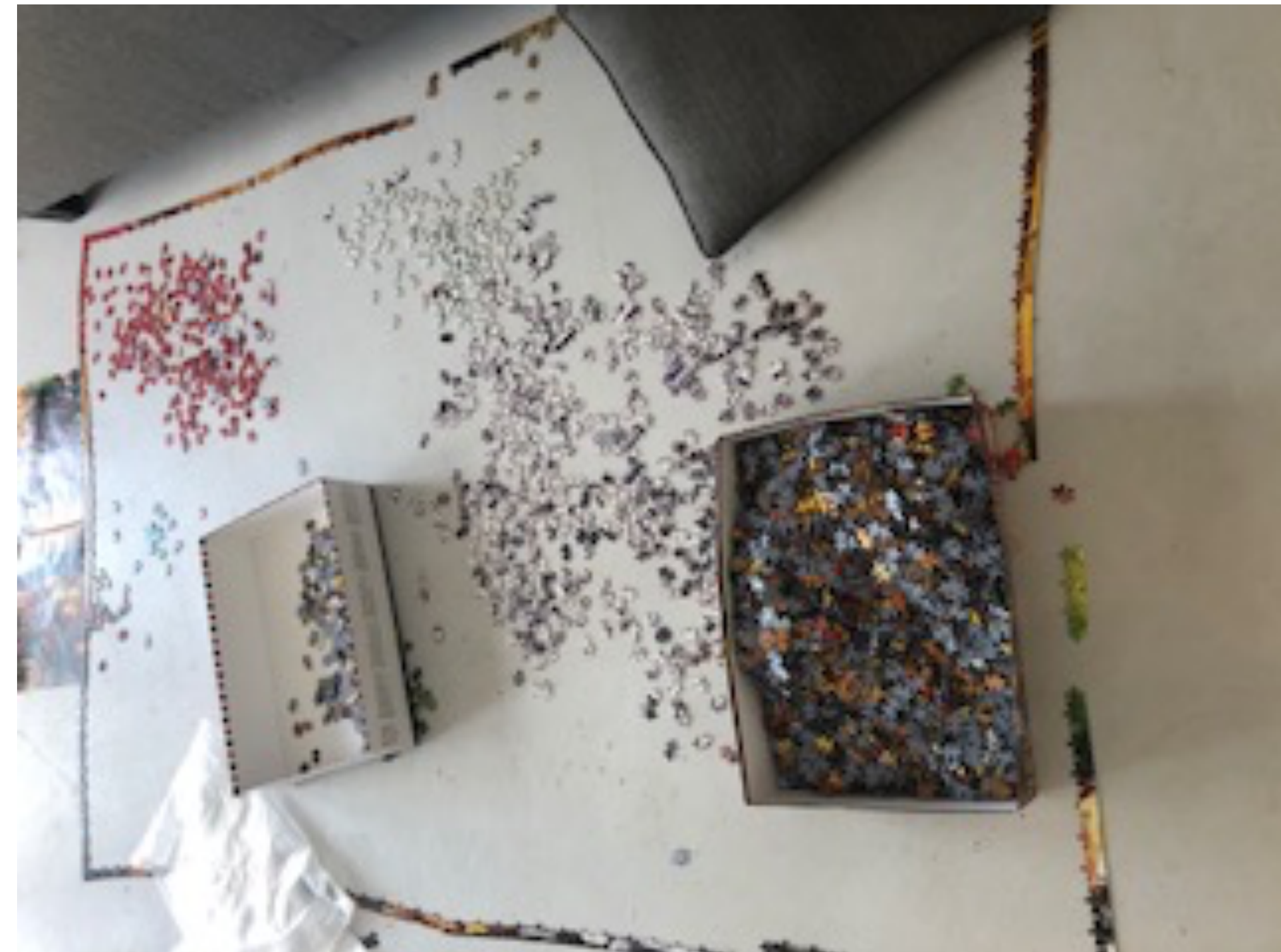
THE PUZZLE THAT SAYS, “BOOK A FLIGHT”



THE PUZZLE WITH THE MOST UNUSUAL BORDER



THE ZEALOUS ATTEMPT PUZZLE - 8000 PIECES



RUNNER UP - LEGITIMATE PIECES MISSING



THE PUZZLE WITH THE MOST PEOPLE HELPING



THE PUZZLE FOR BASKET CASES



THE MOST THEOLOGICAL PUZZLE



THE BEST DOG PUZZLE FROM PENNSYLVANIA



THE BEST KID'S PUZZLES OF THE WEEK



THE HOMEMADE WOOD PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

**BENJAMIN PRICE ON
FACEBOOK**

THE PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Caring for Those Who Sorrow

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Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

Isaiah 61:1-3

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; **he hath sent me** to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; **to comfort all that mourn;**

To appoint **unto them that mourn** in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, **that he might be glorified.**

Caring for Those Who Sorrow

I. How God's Word cares for those who sorrow.

1 Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Psalms 34:18

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:3 ...the God of all Comfort;

Psalms 119:49-50

Remember the word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to hope.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

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...and God encourages us to bring our sorrows to Him:

Matthew 11:28a

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Psalms 31:9-10

“Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly.

“For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed.”

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1) Tamar (daughter of Judah)	Gen 38:6-11 (<i>widowed twice</i>)
2) The mother of Hiram from Tyre	1 Kings 7:13-14
3) The widow off Zarephath	1 Kings 17:8-24
4) Zeruah, mother of Jeroboam	1Kings 11:26
5) The widow with two sons	2 Kings 4:1-7
6) Naomi	Ruth 1:1-5
7) Orpah	Ruth 1:1-5
8) Ruth	Ruth 1:1-5 (<i>later married Boaz</i>)

9) Anna

Luke 2:36-38

“And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem.”

10) The widow of Nain	Luke 7:11-16
11) Widow with two mites	Luke 21:1-4 / Mark 12:41-41
12) Widows mourning the death of Tabitha.	Acts 9:36-41

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1 Timothy 5

3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.

4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.

5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.

6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. 8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

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II. How the Church Ministry cares for those who sorrow.



...is a network of communication and fellowship among all of our widows at Tri-City, now numbering at least 61 that we have identified.

- 1) Communicate regularly via email and postal mail to every member of this group, making them aware of who the other members are.
- 2) Identify and list the ongoing physical / material needs of each member to the rest of the group and the Deacons of the church.
- 3) Provide periodic get-togethers for the purpose of “putting faces with names,” helping to meet some social needs and give opportunities for outreach to other widows in our community.

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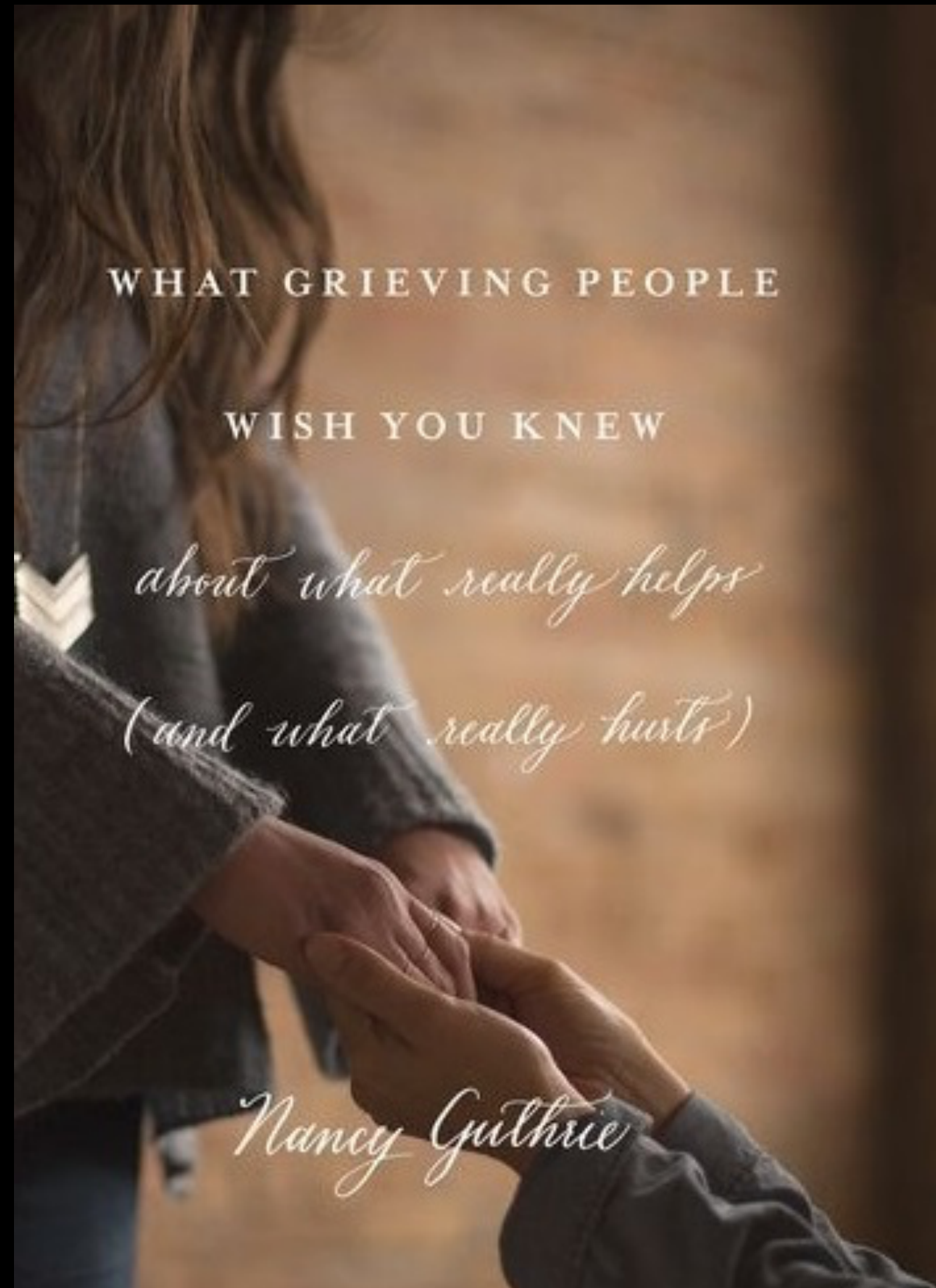


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A. What to say, and what NOT to say.

- 1) Let the sorrowing person take the lead - listen more than you talk
- 2) Don't Assume
- 3) Don't make it about You
- 4) Don't tell them what to do
- 5) Esteem their Grief
- 6) Don't ask potentially painful questions

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III. How the Individual Can and Should Care for those who sorrow.

B. What to do, and what NOT to do.

- Listen more than you talk.
- Let it Go (Don't be too quick to examine and reject or correct everything your grieving friend is saying.
- Weep - your tears will not add to their sorrow - they only say "you are not alone"
- Laugh - sorrowing people may fear that others will think "I'm over it",.. or no further care is needed.
...or, "I must not have loved the one who died."
- Leave a message
- Send a note, then another
- Mark your calendar
- Go thru your photos
- Bring stuff
- Pay for stuff
- Invite, but don't push
- Consider the kids
- Be patient
- Offer to help with the hard stuff
- Commit to being there over the long haul
- ***Point them to Christ***

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