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Week #3: Your Involvement Matters

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Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

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S_____.

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H _____.

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Philippians 2:13 (AMP)

A _____.

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2 Corinthians 3:5 (CEV)

P _____.

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Proverbs 4:23 (CEV)

E _____.

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Romans 8:28 (VOICE)

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