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“Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a prophet.”

— Surah Maryam 19:30

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