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Moving Beyond Individualism in Pastoral Care and Counseling: Reflections on Theory, Theology, and Practice

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