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2. Paul is taking up a collection for the church in Jerusalem because that area was experiencing a famine. Paul asked the churches throughout the Roman Empire to contribute support. In doing so, Paul gives us some rich teaching about generosity. What do you learn about generosity from this passage? What are some of his key words or phrases about generosity?
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