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I know I have left my First-love if I can remember a time when I followed Jesus with a higher commitment.

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Jesus Wants You

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I must Grow-up in my faith but Jesus Never wants me to Grow OLD



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