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An Odd Body - Church, Witness, & Culture in 1 & 2 Corinthians, Teresa Moser. Session 1 - The Christian Community: An Alternative Way to Live; Session 2 - Marriage: A Special Calling; Session 3 - Singleness: A Prophetic Option; Session 4 - Forgive and Forgive; Session 5 - The Body of Christ: Each Part Different, Each Part Necessary; Session 6 - Dedicated Disciples Dig Deep.

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