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- 7. What is the one thing you've learned this year for which you are most thankful?
- 8. If you could thank one person today—near or far, living or dead—for their influence on your life, who would that person be?
- 9. Who's one person you've never thanked for their contribution to your life, but would like to?
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