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Rule 2: Make Jes	us The Object Of Your	Rule 2: Make Jesu	us The Object Of Your			
 John 14:6		John 14:6				
Rule 3: Making S Jesus A Priority.	pending With	Rule 3: Making Spending With Jesus A Priority.				
Rule 4: Put Obey	ing God Over Obeying	Rule 4: Put Obeying God Over Obeying				
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Romans 13:1		Romans 13:1				
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