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John 2:1-3 (NCV)

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✓ I take matters into _____.

✓ I exaggerate the _____.

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2 Timothy 1:7-8 (GW)

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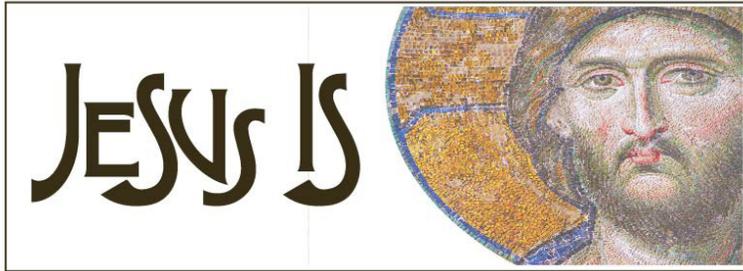
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