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1. There is a principle in the Bible where encouragement always follows perseverance.

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1. All resources were utilized to complete the journey.
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