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The Rebellious Bible - Part Three

Watch the online service at the Woodbury Church of Christ Youtube page and then work through the following questions.

1. The regular routines of our lives have been disrupted. It's easy to focus on the fear that can accompany this uncertainty. However, there can also be bright spots. For example, for people who find themselves busier at work, you can take a moment and thank God for your job. For people who find themselves with more time at home, you could thank God for extra, distraction-free time with your family. The book of James tells us to *"consider it joy"* in times of trial. While he wasn't saying that we should ignore life's difficulties, he was telling us that God is still working in our difficulties. **Take a few minutes and reflect on two or three things that you could consider a joy or a blessing in these new circumstances.**
2. In our message Sunday we acknowledged that parts of the Bible can be weird and confusing. It's tempting to avoid those passages or books that are harder to wrap our minds around. **What are some Bible stories or Scriptural concepts that raise serious questions for you?**
3. Take those stories or verses and formulate them into questions. For example; *"Why did God seem to allow polygamy in the Old Testament?"*, *"What is going on in Genesis 9 and 2 Kings 2:23,24?"* **Now, what would it take to do a little research on those questions?**

(Note: There are really good online resource for Bible study helps. Websites like bibleproject.org or biblehub.com have some helpful resources. You could also literally google your question - just be cautious, not all websites have helpful answers. Additionally, think of someone whose Biblical knowledge you trust and send them an email. Chances are they'll be glad to help address those questions!)

4. We don't have to pretend the Bible isn't strange. It's a book that is thousands of years old, written to ancient people, with different customs, languages and concerns. In fact, we said in the message that it would be strange if we didn't find it strange. What's amazing isn't its strangeness, but its relevance. What is a passage or story from the Old Testament that you find comforting, relevant or helpful? Why?

Challenge for the week: Have a conversation with another disciple about some of the questions raised as you considered the stranger parts of scripture.