

June 9 | Sunday

Playlist: A Million Reasons

Read [Revelation 21:1-8](#)



10 | Mon – Why? | Read [Job 1:22 and 2:9-10](#)

Relationships can be challenging, especially when you love someone you can't see. Have you ever been tempted to give up on God? Job experienced this when God allowed him to be stripped of his wealth, his 10 children and his health. Read his answers to those who urged him to give up, to 'curse God and die'. A sobering question to ask yourself: Do I love God just because of all the blessings and answered prayers or do I love God for Himself alone? In the face of your unanswered questions, could God be asking you "Do you *still* love me?"

11 | Tue – Think you know or do you *really* know? | Read [Job 42:1-6](#)

Job's friends believed his calamities were a result of some sin. In chapters 3-41, Job is honest with his friends and with God, arguing the case for his innocence. His suffering was so great that he shouted his pain and hurt at the injustice, to God and his friends. They were offended but God was not. What changed in Job as a result of the honest conversations (v. 5)? What is the difference between *hearing* about God and *seeing* Him at work in your own life?

12 | Wed – A serious question | Read [John 6:66-69](#)

Following Jesus in our country is easy; it is not discouraged or banned by law as it currently is in other countries. You may not realize Jesus had a multitude of disciples in the early days of his ministry but as his teachings became more challenging, many turned away. This led to the conversation in John 6. Could Jesus be asking this same question to you? When continuing to follow Jesus requires more than you may want to give, what will *you* say?

13 | Thu – Settling for first impressions | Read [Psalm 145:8-9 and 13-20](#)

When tragedy occurs, the first instinctive question may be 'Why didn't God prevent this?' It can be closely followed by the mis-belief that God cannot be trusted. The devil loves to use your hurt to distort God's character and His heart for you by interpreting both through your present experience. Ask honest questions but be careful you don't allow yourself to be cut off from the truth. Look for the real God in scripture and ask the Holy Spirit to show you God's true character. Are there any verses that spring to your mind right now?

14 | Fri – Things are not always as they seem | Read [Proverbs 3:5-7](#)

It is easy to misinterpret another person's actions. Have others misunderstood yours and it caused a rift in your relationship? God has promised you a good future but it may include unexpectedly painful things in your present. Be cautious of judging God's intentions by what you see in front of you. Scripture is filled with encouraging stories of how God worked behind the scenes to accomplish something better than anyone could have imagined. Is it possible God is doing that for you, right now? Will you choose to trust Him?

15 | Sat – This too shall pass | Read [Isaiah 65:17 / Rev. 21:1-5](#)

Nothing lasts forever -neither the wonderful nor the painful things in life. The best way to stay balanced is being grateful for the good while you have it and patient in the difficulties as they will not last either. The greatest hope of all who follow Jesus is that they know the end of the story when God makes everything new. There are no guarantees that your life on earth will be trouble-free but your future is amazing! How does this affect your present perspective?