

# TRUSTING AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE GOD

WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE, WHO NEEDS ENEMIES? Job 4-12

for **Children**:

Pretend you have been asked to take the place of your teacher, a news anchor, or a cooking show host. Have your family time you for 5 minutes while you try to explain something you don't know much about (e.g. world history, rocket science, current politics, or making lasagna). Be confident and have fun, it doesn't have to be right.

Job's friends tried speaking for God without knowing all the facts. Pretending to know things can be a bit of fun, but when it comes to spiritual things, it's best to say: "I don't know, let's go to God's Word together."

## Weekly Memory Verse:

...but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is, Christ...

*Ephesians 4:15*

for the **Mature** Christian:

for the **Growing** Christian:

Read Proverbs 1:7. Fear of God is recognition that God is the Creator. Therefore, God defines what right and wrong is, what truth is, and what your purpose is as His creation.

Read Proverbs 14:26-27. How does "fear of the Lord" give you confidence, refuge, and life?

Read Psalm 33:6-12. What does it mean to you to know that God is sovereign and in control of what often seems like a messy world?

Read Luke 1:46-55. What stands out to you about the blessings you get from fearing God?

Read Philippians 2:12-13. God offers salvation as a free gift. So, to "continue to work out your salvation" means to submit to Holy Spirit's work of sanctification (*growing toward Christian maturity*). Consider with God in prayer your next step in that growth.

## Weekly Affirmation:

God is not who I think He is,

God is who He says He is.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:1-2; and 2 Thessalonians 2:15; 3:6. What do you think the apostle Paul is referring to when he mentions "tradition" in these passages?

Now read Mark 7:1-13. Can you think of some religious traditions that you follow, or have followed in the past, that are not found in scripture? How have you learned the difference between those traditions and the traditions to which Paul refers? Be attentive to your beliefs and prayerfully test them against God's Word.

## APRIL 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- Read the Book of Job
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses
- Watch the Bible Project videos on the Book of Job (*available on the website*).
- Try spending 10-60 minutes in complete silence each week (*away from devices & distractions*). Begin with a short prayer dedicating the time to God.