



July 12 / Sunday

Hockey: Hat Trick

Read [Romans 11:33-35](#) / [John 14:8-11](#)

13 / Mon – A mystery | Read [Genesis 1:26](#) / [Luke 1:35](#) / [Matthew 3:16-17](#) / [John 14:23-26](#)

One of the most unique things about Christianity is the belief that God is a trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three in one. Although the word *trinity* is not mentioned in scripture, there are instances that point to this truth...in creation, in the incarnation, at Jesus' baptism, and in his conversations with his disciples. Is it okay if you don't completely understand this? Yes. It is good that you don't understand everything about God. If you could, would He still be God?

14 / Tue – Revealed | Read [John 14:8-11](#)

People had lived for thousands of years with a one-dimensional view of God as a powerful being to be respected and obeyed but don't get too close. When Jesus came, that changed. Some see Jesus as a great teacher and focus on what he had to say. But if you want to know what God is like, read what Jesus did, how he treated people, and the attributes he demonstrated. What are some of the things you notice about Jesus that help you gain a more accurate view of God?

15 / Wed – Honest conversations | Read [Job 40:1-7](#) and [42:1-5](#)

When you begin to realize that God is not just a stern judge waiting to drop the gavel on your sins, but that God is a person with whom you can have a conversation, how does that change the way you relate to Him? Job lived in a time when people believed misfortune meant you were being punished for some sin you committed. Job knew his heart was right before God and vigorously protested his innocence to his friends, even going so far as to accuse God of being unjust. At the end of this honest conversation, what did Job come to realize? How could this relate to you?

16 / Thu – The rest of the story | Read [Isaiah 55:8-13](#) / [Romans 11:33-36](#)

Have you ever gotten mad at God because He allowed something to happen in your life that was unfair? Have you looked at the tragic death of a young person and said, "God, how could you allow this?" If so, you are not alone. But have you ever considered how limited this perspective might be? If God has an ultimate plan that finds its completion beyond this life, does that make a difference? Is it possible that you would agree with God's decisions if you had all the facts as He does?

17 / Fri – A good God | Read [Romans 8:31-34](#)

For God to be God, there are several qualities that must be present. There can be no power greater than His, there can be nothing God does not know and understand, and He must be everywhere at the same time. Yet an all-powerful, all-knowing, everywhere-present Being would be a monster if He was not also good to the core. It is His goodness and integrity that garners our trust. Do you know the heart God has for you? When you need a reminder, look at Jesus.

18 / Sat – Right now | Read [Jeremiah 29:13](#) / [John 17:3](#)

There is so much more to God than you could ever learn in your lifetime. There is a richness that comes into your relationship when you know His character and see Him at work in your life, when you have honest conversations and see His unfailing love. Eternal life does not begin when you die, it is here and now as you learn to know God as He truly is. What is your favorite thing about Him?