

The Commands of God Are Not Burdensome

1 John 5:1-4

Sermon Discussion Questions

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1. When you think about the Bible, what assumptions do you have? Does the Bible seem overwhelming to you?
2. Review the metaphors Pastor Jim gave us when thinking about the Bible, TurboTax, a concierge, a concert rider, and a note from your spouse. Which metaphor helps you think of the Bible as not burdensome?
3. The Bible can feel overwhelming, but Pastor Jim encourages us to take the Bible piece by piece and let God speak to us through each scripture. Is this liberating to you as you seek to follow His Word?
4. God's commands are not burdensome because He is love and is a personal God. How does this encourage you as you come to the Bible?
5. Where do you most often experience God's commands as burdensome? What could that reveal about your view of God?
6. Do you plan to try and do what Pastor Jim said this week and read 1 John and to then do anything that you are reasonably certain God may be saying to you? If so, how can we hold each other accountable in this?