

# GBUMC COMPASS

A Weekly Worship Guide

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**“Friends in Christ exercising love, hope and grace to enrich all lives.”**

## Sermon Recap

What if we entered into the words of scripture abandoning all of our presumptions of what writing's purpose is and begin to discover this new world of Scripture. What if scripture is less about preserving history than it is about preserving a story, a purpose, and an identity? Might we discover Mark's multiple endings as an invitation to enter our own version? Might we see the slight mention of women in Luke 8 as an oversight by fallible authors and preservers of the faith...and learn from that? How can we enter into what is, actually, an unfamiliar, very different world of Scripture, and come out having discovered something wholly wonderful and faith-full?

*One day the divine beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and the Adversary also came among them. The Lord said to the Adversary, “Where did you come from?” The Adversary answered the Lord, “From wandering throughout the earth.” The Lord said to the Adversary, “Have you thought about my servant Job; surely there is no one like him on earth, a man who is honest, who is of absolute integrity, who reveres God and avoids evil?” The Adversary answered the Lord, “Does Job revere God for nothing? Haven't you fenced him in—his house and all he has—and blessed the work of his hands so that his possessions extend throughout the earth? But stretch out your hand and strike all he has. He will certainly curse you to your face.” The Lord said to the Adversary, “Look, all he has is within your power;*

*only don't stretch out your hand against him.” So the Adversary left the Lord's presence. -Job 1:6-12 (CEB)*

## Applied to My Life:

Seeing scripture in a different way doesn't mean that we abandon the holiness of it, nor is it necessary that we unlearn everything. Thinking about our passage of scripture from the Book of Job, how does this story change for you if you don't think about it as a factual accounting of things? What can we learn?

## Other Worship Notes I Want to Remember: