**God Is Three Persons Who Care About You**

**Week 1: God Is**

* Exodus 3:13-15
  + God identifies Godself as YHWH , which translates to I am , or I am Who I am . In the 3rd person, God is Who God is .
  + Whenever you see “LORD” in the Old Testament, it is a substitution of God’s “name”, which was considered too holy to be pronounced.

If you accept the Bible, you must believe in God. However, proofs of God’s existence that disregard Scripture are Useful and Occasionally Necessary . There are several. Here are some!

* Ontological – philosophical proof!
  + God, by definition, is ideal (or perfect).
  + That means God must exist as the best of everything or not exist.
  + It is better to exist than to not exist.
  + God, as defined as the best of everything, must exist.
* Where did that come from? – a toddler’s proof!
  + Start with any object.
  + Ask, “Where did it come from?”
  + Keep asking that question of each answer.
  + Eventually, there has to be a First, Uncaused Cause.
  + God is this eternal entity.
* Intelligent Design – reverse engineering!
  + If something has an intelligible design, it has a intelligent designer.
  + Our world has a intelligible design (laws of nature).
  + Our world has an Intelligent Designer.
* Testimony – experiential proof!
  + I have met and experienced God.
  + Therefore, God exists.