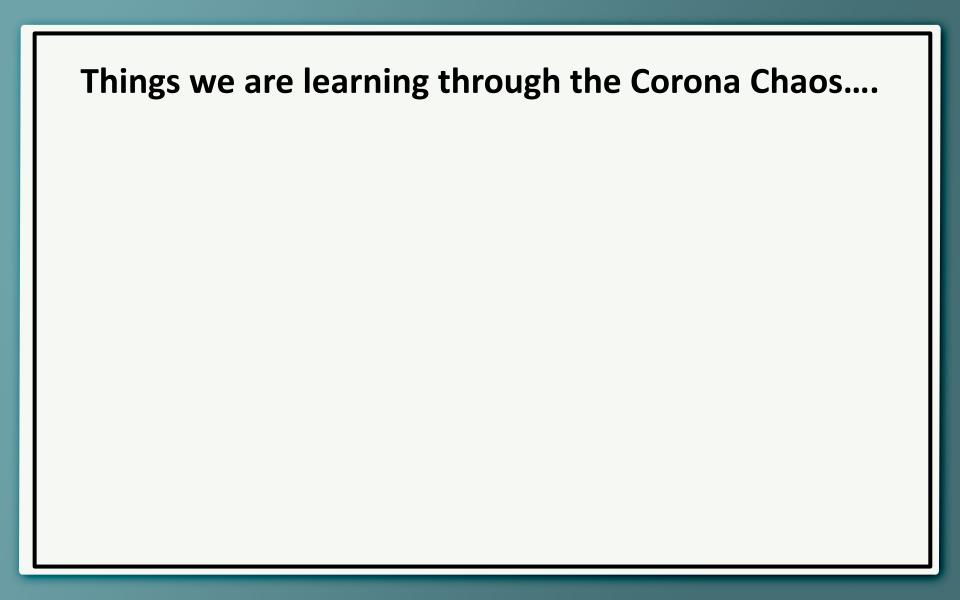
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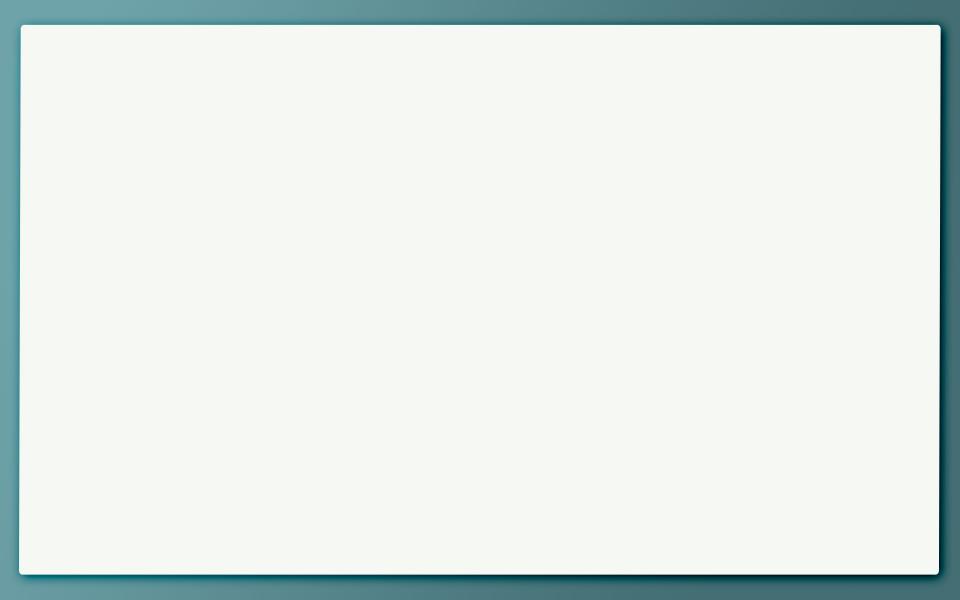


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ANSWERS GROUNDED



IN FAITH AND HOPE

3:13-15 PETER

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I Peter 3:8-12

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