

REBELLION

Some people reject the messages, Father.

The government and health officials,
Seeking to curb the proliferation of this virus,
Are sending clear directions:

No large gatherings.

Places where people meet socially are closed.

Maintain a safe distance from others.

Yet some laugh and reject the message:

‘We are not paranoid;

We are invincible;

The rules are not for us.’

You understand this, don’t you Father?

People have rejected your messages

In every generation

Since the beginning of time—

messages recorded in the Bible;

messages relayed by prophets;

messages shared by Jesus;

messages still heard today.

Do I close my ears to your messages, Father?

When I want to do my own thing

And not yours,

Do I ignore your voice?

Your ears are open but you don't hear a thing. Your eyes are awake but you don't see a thing. The people are blockheads! They stick their fingers in their ears so they won't have to listen; They screw their eyes shut so they won't have to look, so they won't have to deal with me face-to-face and let me heal them. But you have God-blessed eyes—eyes that see! And God-blessed ears—ears that hear! (Matthew 13: 14–16, MSG)