**Required readings:**

* Elizabeth Johnson, “God Who Breaks Chains”  (2011), pp. 113-132.
* Steven Roberts,[“How People Visualize God Predicts Who They Think Is Fit for Leadership” (Links to an external site.)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iakMXqQPJHU&feature=emb_title)(2020, 3 minutes).

**Question prompt:**

Elizabeth Johnson makes clear that “the symbol of God functions,” which is a fancy way of saying that theological claims about who God is and is not, what God is and is not like, the way in which God does and does not act, etc., have social consequences.

Do you think it’s more theologically credible to make the claim that God is whatever race people say God is (including white, logically), or that it’s more theologically credible to make the claim that God is Black? Why?

(You might want to consider how these two different symbols of God function socially as you think about your answer. Also please note that this question must be answered on theological and ethical grounds, and there's not some kind of a simple answer that you can find by looking in the Bible or thinking about what "race" Jesus was historically.)

**Directions:**

* Make sure you answer the question prompt directly
* **AND** include at least 2 direct quotations from Johnson and Roberts in your comment in order to explain your point of view.
* **500 words**