

Live This Way!
GPS: God's Powerful Story! Pt. 7
Exodus 20
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Proverbs 3:5, Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

Deuteronomy 10:12, And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to observe the LORD'S commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

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shall not steal. **16** "You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. **17** "You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Why Did God Give the Ten Commandments?

1. To Build a Relationship WITH HIM

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Matthew 22:37, Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' **38** This is the first and greatest commandment."

John 14:15, "If you love me, keep my commands."

2. To Build Healthy Families and COMMUNITIES

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Romans 13:8, Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. **9** The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

John 10:10, The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Matthew 22:39, “And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ **40** All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

3. To Protect Our Freedom—Not LIMIT IT

Psalms 19:7, The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. **8** The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **9** The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous. **10** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb. **11** By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

John 8:31, To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. **32** Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ... **36** So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

4. To Point Out Our Need for JESUS

Romans 3:20, Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

Galatians 3:24, So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.

Matthew 5:17, “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

Romans 8:3, For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 5:8, But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:8, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— **9** not by works, so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.