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The History and Theology of the Ten Commandments

A Journey Faith & Life Seminar

February 5 & 6, 2019

Journey Purpose Statement

The Journey exists to give the people of Metro New York City
the best opportunity to become fully
developing followers of Jesus by

Inviting them to an intimate relationship with God,

Connecting them in healthy relationships with other Christians,

Guiding them toward an authentic commitment to God,

Involving them in life-changing ministry and mission in our city and
the world that they may

Honor God completely.

At The Journey we fulfill the Purpose Statement through 2 types of meetings:

- Large Group (Sunday Service)
- Small Group (Growth Group)

*"(They met) day after day, in the **Temple courts** and from **house to house**."*
– Acts 5:42

*We believe Journey University enhances the Sunday Service & Growth Groups.

WARNING: This is a Dangerous Class!

This is a very dangerous class. More information about the God does not necessarily lead to a closer relationship with God. Knowledge alone can lead to arrogance and immaturity. The word Jesus used for such people is "hypocrite."

"Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies." – 1 Corinthians 8:1

- More Information + No Application = _____
- More Information + More Application = _____

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History and Theology of the Ten Commandments

GOALS FOR THIS SEMINAR:

We want you to walk away from this seminar with...

- An understanding of the historical and Biblical context of the Ten Commandments
- A deeper appreciation of why the Ten Commandments remain so important in the life and faith of Christians
- An overview of the role the Ten Commandments have served in the church over the last 2,000 years
- A deeper understanding of the meaning of each of the Ten Commandments
- Ways to practically apply the Ten Commandments in your daily life.

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL GOALS:

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Biblical & Historical Context of the Ten Commandments

“Then God gave the people all these instructions: ‘I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.’” - Exodus 20:1-2

- Where do the 10 Commandments appear in the Bible?
- Who gave the 10 Commandments and who were they given to?
- When were the 10 Commandments given (*see timeline*)?
- Where were the 10 Commandments given (*see map*)?
- The 10 Commandments are also known as the _____.
- The first 4 Commandments focus on _____.

- The last 6 Commandments focus on _____
_____.
- 4 of the Commandments have _____.
- The 10 Commandments are a _____ of the _____
in the Old Testament.
- Jesus' _____ are a _____ of The 10
Commandments.

“36 ‘Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?’ Jesus replied, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

- Matthew 22:36-40

“Say what you will about the ten commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them.”

- H. L. Mencken

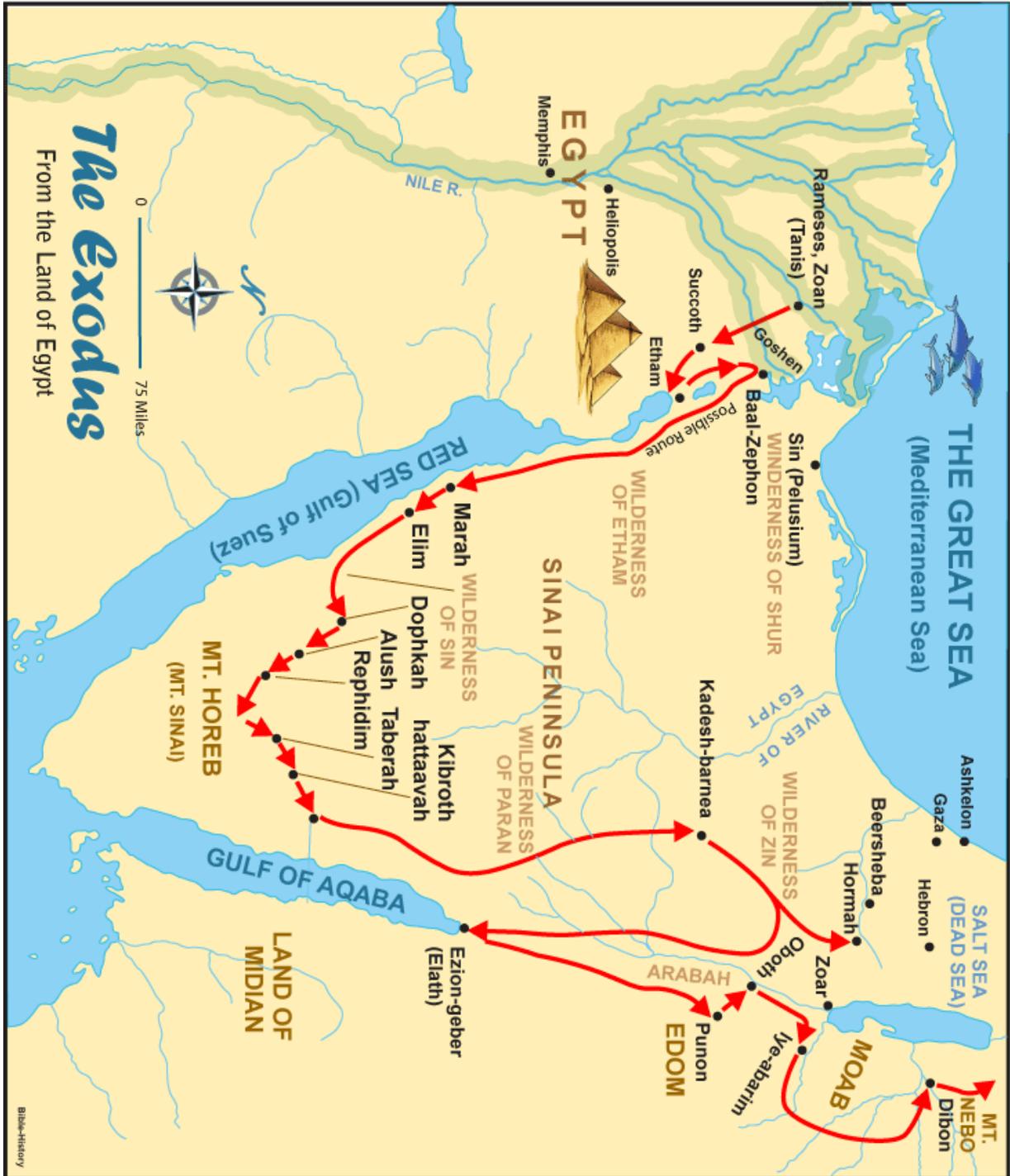
“I have wondered at times what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.”

- Ronald Reagan

Bible Timeline

| <u>WHEN</u> | <u>WHO</u> | <u>WHERE</u> |
|--------------|---|---|
| Pre-history | Garden of Eden/Noah/Tower of Babel | <i>Genesis 1-12</i> |
| 1800-1700 BC | Abraham | <i>Genesis 12-24</i> |
| 1700-1600 BC | Isaac/Jacob/Joseph/Egypt | <i>Genesis 39-50</i> |
| 1600-1280 BC | Egyptian Captivity | <i>Exodus 1-2</i> |
| 1280 BC | The Exodus | <i>Exodus 3-15</i> |
| 1280-1240 BC | Wilderness/Laws | <i>Exodus/Deuteronomy/Leviticus</i> |
| 1240-1200 BC | Israelite Conquest | <i>Joshua</i> |
| 1200-1020 BC | Period of the Judges | <i>Judges</i> |
| 1020-1000 BC | Samuel and Saul/1 st King | <i>1 Samuel</i> |
| 1000-922 BC | United Kingdom | |
| 1000-961 BC | David is King | <i>1 & 2 Samuel</i> |
| 961-922 BC | Solomon is King | <i>1 Kings 1-11</i> |
| 922-587 BC | Divided Kingdom | <i>1 & 2 Kings/1 & 2 Chronicles</i> |
| 587-525 BC | Babylonian Exile | <i>2 Kings 25/2 Chron 36/Ezek/Daniel</i> |
| 520-515 BC | Rebuilding the Temple | <i>Haggai/Zechariah</i> |
| 445 BC | Rebuilding Jerusalem's Walls | <i>Nehemiah</i> |
| 336-323 BC | Empire of Alexander the Great | |
| 167 BC | Maccabean Revolt | |
| 63 BC | Roman Empire | |
| 37-4 BC | Herod the Great | |
| 3/4 BC-AD 27 | Jesus | <i>New Testament</i> |
| AD 40-60 | Paul's Letters/Ministry | |
| AD 65-70 | Gospel of Mark | |
| AD 70 | Fall of Jerusalem and Final Destruction of the Temple | |
| AD 80's | Gospel's of Matthew/Luke | |
| AD 90's | Gospel of John | |
| AD 325 | Council of Nicea | <i>Settled the Arian Controversy</i> |
| AD 397 | Third Council of Carthage | <i>27 NT books accepted</i> |
| AD 1517 | Martin Luther Posts 95 Theses | <i>Beginning of Reformation</i> |
| AD 1611 | King James Bible | <i>A "modern" English version</i> |
| AD 2002 | The Journey Church Begins | |

MAP OF THE EXODUS



WHY GOD GAVE US THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

1) The Ten Commandments show us _____

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2) The Ten Commandments show us _____

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3) The Ten Commandments show us _____

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4) The Ten Commandments spur us _____

5) The Ten Commandments show us _____

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“20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are... 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are. 23 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. 24 Yet God freely and graciously declares that we are righteous. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. 25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.”

- Romans 3:20,22-25

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

- Marcionism - 2nd Century Heresy
- Present Day Challenges

JESUS IN THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT (Matthew 5)

(Jesus) “17 Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. 19 So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

- Matthew 5:17-19

Jesus on the Demands of Grace:

(Jesus) “But I warn you - unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!”

- Matthew 5:20

Jesus on the Sixth Commandment:

(Jesus) *“21 You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.’ 22 But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the court. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. 23 “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, 24 leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.”*

- Matthew 5:21-24

Jesus on the Seventh Commandment

(Jesus) *“27 You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

- Matthew 5:27-28

(Jesus) *“31 You have heard the law that says, ‘A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce.’*

32 But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman also commits adultery.”

- Matthew 5:31-32

Jesus on the Ninth Commandment

(Jesus) *“33 You have also heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not break your vows; you must carry out the vows you make to the LORD.’ 34 But I say, do not make any vows!...37 Just say a simple, ‘Yes, I will,’ or ‘No, I won’t.’ Anything beyond this is from the evil one.”*

- Matthew 5:33-34, 37

JESUS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus on the Fifth Commandment (Matthew 15)

(Jesus) “3 *And why do you, by your traditions, violate the direct commandments of God? 4 For instance, God says, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and ‘Anyone who speaks disrespectfully of father or mother must be put to death.’ 5 But you say it is all right for people to say to their parents, ‘Sorry, I can’t help you. For I have vowed to give to God what I would have given to you.’ 6 In this way, you say they don’t need to honor their parents. And so you cancel the word of God for the sake of your own tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you, for he wrote, 8 ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 Their worship is a farce, for they teach man-made ideas as commands from God.’”*

- Matthew 15:3-9

Jesus on the Commandments (Matthew 19)

“16 *Someone came to Jesus with this question: ‘Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?’ 17 ‘Why ask me about what is good?’ Jesus replied. ‘There is only One who is good. But to answer your question - if you want to receive eternal life, keep the commandments.’ 18 ‘Which ones?’ the man asked. And Jesus replied: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. 19 Honor your father and mother. Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 20 ‘I’ve obeyed all these commandments,’ the young man replied. ‘What else must I do?’ 21 Jesus told him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.’ 22 But when the young man heard this, he went away sad, for he had many possessions.”*

- Matthew 19:16-22

THE APOSTLE PAUL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

“19 Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God. 20 For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are. 21 But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. 22 We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.”

- Romans 3:19-22

“12 But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good. 13 But how can that be? Did the law, which is good, cause my death? Of course not! Sin used what was good to bring about my condemnation to death. So we can see how terrible sin really is. It uses God’s good commands for its own evil purposes. 14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin.”

- Romans 7:12-14

“He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.” - Romans 8:4

*Also see Paul in Galatians 3 and 2 Corinthians 3

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE CHURCH

- **The Early Church**

“Jesus sent to his disciples the Holy Spirit (for so he had promised), that through the love poured forth in their hearts by Him, they might be able to fulfill the law not only without its being a burden but even with delight. Now this law was given to the Jews in Ten Commandments, which they call the Decalogue. And these again are reduced to two, namely, that we should love God with our whole heart, and with our whole soul, and with our whole mind; and that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. For that on these two commandments depend the whole law and the Prophets the Lord Himself has both said in the Gospel and made manifest by his own example.”

- Augustine (354-430) (*from “First Catechetical Instruction”*)

- **The Reformation**

Martin Luther’s Doctrinal Foundations of the Church

- The Ten Commandments – *Conviction of Need*
- The Apostles Creed – *Where to Find Aid*
- The Lord’s Prayer – *How to Ask for It*
- The Sacraments - *Baptism, Lord’s Supper*

“A man who is sick needs first to know what his illness is and what he can and cannot do. Then he needs to know where the medicine is that can help him live the life of a well man. Third, he must desire this medicine and look for it until he finds it or have it brought to him.”

- Martin Luther (1483-1546) (*from A Short Form of the Ten Commandments, of the Creed and of the Lord’s Prayer*)

“Once you depart from the Ten Commandments as being the foundation of right and wrong, you are in a free fall.” - Randall Terry

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10 Commandments in Hebrew

1. ב: אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, אֲשֶׁר הוֹצֵאתִיךָ מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם מִבֵּית עַבְדִּים. לֹא-יִהְיֶה לְךָ אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים, עַל-פָּנָי.
2. ג לא-תַעֲשֶׂה לְךָ פֶסֶל, וְכָל-תְּמוּנָה, אֲשֶׁר בַּשָּׁמַיִם מִמַּעַל, וְאֲשֶׁר בָּאֶרֶץ מִתַּחַת--וְאֲשֶׁר בַּמַּיִם, מִתַּחַת לְאֶרֶץ.
3. ד-לא-תִשְׁתַּחֲוֶה לָהֶם, וְלֹא תַעֲבֹדֵם: כִּי אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, אֵל קַנָּא-פֶקֶד עֵוֹן אָבֹת עַל-בְּנֵי עַל-שְׁלֵשִׁים-
4. ו לא תִשָּׂא אֶת-שֵׁם-יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ, לְשׁוֹא: כִּי לֹא יִנְקֶה יְהוָה, אֶת אֶת אֲשֶׁר-יִשָּׂא אֶת
5. ז. זְכוֹר אֶת-יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת, לְקַדְּשׁוֹ.
6. ח מְלֶאכֶה-תַעֲשֶׂה כָל-לֹא שַׁבָּת, לִיהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ:--וַיּוֹם, הַשְּׁבִיעִי ט אַתָּה וּבִנְךָ וּבִתֶּךָ, עַבְדְּךָ וְאִמָּתְךָ וּבְהֵמָתְךָ,
7. זָמַעַן, יֵאָרְכוּן יְמֵיךָ,--אִמָּה-אָבִיךָ, וְאֶת-כָּבֹד אֶת יֵא.
8. יב לא תִרְצַח.
9. לֹא-תַעֲנֶה בְרֵעֶךָ עַד שֶׁקָּר.
10. לִתְחַמֵּד אֶשְׁתִּירְעָה, וְעַבְדִּי וְאִמָּתִי {ס}; לֹא תִחַמֵּד, בֵּית רֵעֶךָ.

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- Exodus 20:5-6

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- Exodus 20:7a

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- Exodus 20:7b

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- Exodus 20:8

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- Exodus 20:9-11

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“Honor your father and mother.”

- Exodus 20:12a

*“Then you will live a long, full life in the land
the LORD your God is giving you.”*

- Exodus 20:12b

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- Exodus 20:17

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PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN DAILY LIFE

Next Steps:

- Engage fully with the Journey's teaching series - *The 10 Commandments: God's Guide to an Extraordinary Life.***

- Join a Spring Growth Group.**

- Attend your next Journey Membership Class during *Spring Training Week* – March 12-14.**

- Memorize the 10 Commandments.**

- Identify which of the 10 Commandments you struggle with them most and commit to work on those during the series.**

- Participate in The Journey's Lenten Fast (*beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6*) and connect your fast with obeying one of the 10 Commandments.**

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