

PART 3: Escape Clause DATE: 06-24-2018

START

Can you name all of the ten commandments? Go ahead give it a try...without the help of google.

We have all used escape clauses to justify our actions. It was just a little white lie to make them feel better, their hair didn't really look THAT good. It was just one shiny red stapler I took from work, no one used it anyway.

- Can you think of a time when you used an escape clause on something that seemed petty?
- Were there any immediate consequences to your escape clause?
- What did it feel like the moment you realized you had to justify what you did?

READ

[John 13:34](#)

A new command I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.

THINK

It's easy to not add an escape clause to the BIG things. Murder, stealing large sums of money, and adultery are pretty hard to explain away. It's always the "smaller" things we make up our escape clauses for, and often times we try our best to make us sound like we did something for a noble cause.

- How do the small things add up in your life?
- Have you ever used God or His word to justify your actions?

Chris said, "Jesus rapidly decreased the number of commands, but exponentially increased His expectations."

- How does Jesus' expectations increase with simply commanding us to love one another?
- How do you love one another with the small things in your life?

PRAY

Ask God to make you aware of the escape clauses in your life and to love others as Jesus loves them.

ACT

As you live your life this week and interact with others remember that Jesus loves you unconditionally, and seek to find a tangible way to love those around you.

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