

Sermon Discussion: Exodus 20:1-11 – The Ten Commandments Pt. 1

(Designed to move from hearing → seeing → receiving → responding)

Movement 1 – Relationship Before Command (Exodus 20:1–2)

1. Why do you think God begins the Ten Commandments with rescue instead of rules? How does that reshape the way you hear the rest of the commands?
2. When you hear the word “obedience,” what emotions surface first — comfort, resistance, guilt, trust, something else? Why?
3. The sermon defined obedience as *“trusting God when my will disagrees.”* Where in your life right now is your will most likely to disagree with God?

Command 1 – Freedom of Worship (No Other Gods)

4. What are the clearest indicators in your life that something has become “ultimate” for you? (What do you fear losing most? What controls your mood? What feels non-negotiable?)
5. How can good things (like work, family, success, comfort) subtly become functional saviors?
6. If work or achievement were quietly becoming an idol in your life, what would be some warning signs?

Command 2 – Freedom of Knowing the Real God (No Carved Images)

7. Where are you most tempted to reshape God into a version that feels more manageable or comfortable?

8. The sermon contrasted *image-carvers* with *image-bearers*.
In what ways do you see yourself trying to shape God instead of being shaped by Him?

Command 3 – Freedom of Bearing His Name

9. What does it practically look like to “carry God’s name with weight” in your everyday life (work, online presence, parenting, friendships)?

10. How does knowing that Jesus is your Advocate (1 John 2:1) change the way you respond when you fail to represent Him well?

Command 4 – Freedom of Rhythm (Sabbath)

11. What makes it hardest for you to stop and rest? What does your resistance to rest reveal about what you truly trust?

Optional Bonus Question: Which of these four commands feels most personally confronting right now — and why?

