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## 10 Commandments

To get a better handle on life, follow the 10 Commandments (*Exodus, 20:2-17 & Deuteronomy 5:6-21*). They were given directly by God to the people of Israel at Mount Sinai after He had delivered them from slavery in Egypt, to govern their relationships and to form the basis for their civilization.

The first four detail our relationship with God. The next six have to do with human interaction, relationships and community.

**ONE** — You shall have no other gods before Me.

**TWO** — You shall not make for yourself a craven image, any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

**THREE** — You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**FOUR** — Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

**FIVE** — Honor your father and your mother.

**SIX** — You shall not murder.

**SEVEN** — You shall not commit adultery.

**EIGHT** — You shall not steal.

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**NINE** — You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**TEN** — You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

About 1,400 years later, the 10 Commandments were summed up in Matthew 22 in the New Testament, when Jesus was confronted by the religious leaders of the day:

*"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:36-40)*

The first four commandments are contained in the statement: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

The last six are enclosed in the statement: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

To learn more about how to get a better handle on life, don't miss our sermon series in June... a biblical study of Ephesians focusing on "Criticism, Complaining and Conflict."

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