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Big Idea

The Ten Commandments are about *LOVE* not a *LIST*.

Exodus 20:1-17 (NLT)

¹ Then God gave the people all these instructions:

² "I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.

³ "You must not have any other god but me.

⁴ "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.

⁵ You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me.

⁶ But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands.

⁷ "You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

⁸ "Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

⁹ You have six days each week for your ordinary work,

¹⁰ but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you.

¹¹ For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

¹² "Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ "You must not murder.

¹⁴ "You must not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You must not steal.

¹⁶ "You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

¹⁷ “You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

³⁷ 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.”

The Ten Commandments are about love:

- *Rooted in a relationship with God. (vv. 1-2)*
- *Connected with the character of God. (vv. 3-5a)*
- *Bring the blessing of God (v. 5b)*

Reveals our sin, separation, and suffering.

Romans 3:10, 20 (NLT)

¹⁰ As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous—not even one.

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.

Galatians 3:23 (NLT)

Before the way of faith in Christ was available to us, we were placed under guard by the law. We were kept in protective custody, so to speak, until the way of faith was revealed.

Reveals our need for a Savior.

Galatians 3:24-25 (NLT)

²⁴ Let me put it another way. The law was our guardian until Christ came; it protected us until we could be made right with God through faith.

²⁵ And now that the way of faith has come, we no longer need the law as our guardian.

Responding to Jesus’ love frees us to love.

1 John 4:19 (NLT)

We love each other because He loved us first.