NAME IT CLAIM IT Exodus 20:7 (CSB)

"Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God, because the LORD will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name."

Exodus 20:7 (CSB)

Then God spoke all these words: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery."

Exodus 20:1-2 (CSB)

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Exodus 20:7 (ESV)

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

Exodus 20:7 (KJV 1900)

Now I want to make clear for you, brothers and sisters, the gospel I preached to you, which you received, on which you have taken your stand ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold to the message I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (CSB)

1. This guardrail <u>PROTECTS</u> us from <u>OURSELVES</u>.

Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God—who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly—and it will be given to him. ⁶ But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, ⁸ being double-minded and unstable in all his ways.

James 1:5-8 (CSB)

Now if you call yourself a Jew, and rely on the law, and boast in God, ¹⁸ and know his will, and approve the things that are superior, being instructed from the law, ¹⁹ and if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light to those in darkness, ²⁰ an instructor of the ignorant, a teacher of the immature, having the embodiment of knowledge and truth in the law—²¹ you then, who teach another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach, "You must not steal"—do you steal? ²² You who say, "You must not commit adultery"—do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples? ²³ You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? ²⁴ For, as it is written: The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you. Romans 2:17-24 (CSB)

2. This guardrail brings us <u>CLOSER</u> to <u>GOD</u>.

You adulterous people! Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you think it's without reason that the Scripture says: The spirit he made to dwell in us envies intensely? ⁶ But he gives greater grace. Therefore he says: God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. ⁷ Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be miserable and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

James 4:4-10 (CSB)

"You will seek me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (CSB)

Even now—this is the LORD's declaration—turn to me with all your heart, with fasting, weeping, and mourning. ¹³ Tear your hearts, not just your clothes, and return to the LORD your God. For he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and he relents from sending disaster.

Joel 2:12-13 (CSB)

3. The <u>GOSPEL</u> fills in the <u>GAP</u> in between.

"I will honor the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations—the name you have profaned among them. The nations will know that I am the LORD—this is the declaration of the Lord GOD—when I demonstrate my holiness through you in their sight."

Ezekiel 36:23 (CSB)

But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶ for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy. ¹⁷ If you appeal to the Father who judges impartially according to each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during your time living as strangers.

1 Peter 1:15-17 (CSB)

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light, and there is absolutely no darkness in him. ⁶ If we say, "We have fellowship with him," and yet we walk in darkness, we are lying and are not practicing the truth. ⁷ If we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say, "We have no sin," we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹ My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous one. ² He

himself is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

1 John 1:5-2:2 (CSB)

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:58 (CSB)