

Written in Stone...

The Heart of a Mother

In a world that often views "rules" as restrictive chains, we are embarking on a journey to rediscover the beauty of the boundaries set by our Creator. God's Word, Written in Stone, invites us to look past the cold surface of the tablets and into the heart of the Law-Giver. We will explore how the Ten Commandments were never intended to be a heavy burden for us to carry, but rather a protective hedge planted by a loving Father. By diving into the moral architecture of God's Word, we'll see how His "thou shalt nots" are actually invitations to a life of true freedom, stability, and purpose.

Throughout this series, we will examine how these ancient decrees remain perfectly relevant to our modern struggles, relationships, work ethic, and for our inner peace. We'll bridge the gap between the Old Covenant Law and the Grace found in Jesus Christ. While the Law reveals our need for a Savior, it also provides a blueprint for abundant life. Join us as we learn that when we live within the lines God has drawn, we don't find confinement—we find the profound blessing of a life aligned with His holiness and His design for human joy.

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:8-10

Today, we look at the Fifth Commandment—"Honor your father and your mother" and we have to ask...Why did God etch this into the bedrock of human morality? It's because the heart of a mother isn't just a biological reality, it is a theological one. In the character of a mother we see "truths" about God that are as unchangeable as the granite of Sinai.

The Truth = Constant Comfort

13 As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. Isaiah 66:13

The Truth = Sacrificial Love

27 She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Proverbs 31:27

The Truth = New Birth

3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again[a] he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

- The Law: Told us we were sinners in need of a Savior.

- Mothers: Showed us unconditional love and pointed us toward God.
- Baptism: Is the public declaration that the old life is buried and a new life has begun.

Written on our hearts. Written in stone. Written in His blood.

The Second Mile: *Going Beyond Sunday*

Let's dig deeper together to see how God is calling and equipping each of us to reach the lost.

Monday – Why do you think God included “Honor your father and mother” in the 10 Commandments? What importance does this show and how does it point you to Him?

Tuesday – The heart of a mother reflects the character of God? How did your mother most reflect the character of God/fruits of the Spirit?

Wednesday – Mothers a constant comfort to their children—late at night, when they fall, when they are sick...when they most need it. How does this resemble our relationship with God?

Thursday – Moms are great examples of unconditional and sacrificial love. How have you seen this yourself? How does God show you unconditional and sacrificial love?

Friday – We are born on this Earth through mothers. We are born again Spiritually when we are born of the Holy Spirit. How have you experienced this new life and how would others describe you?