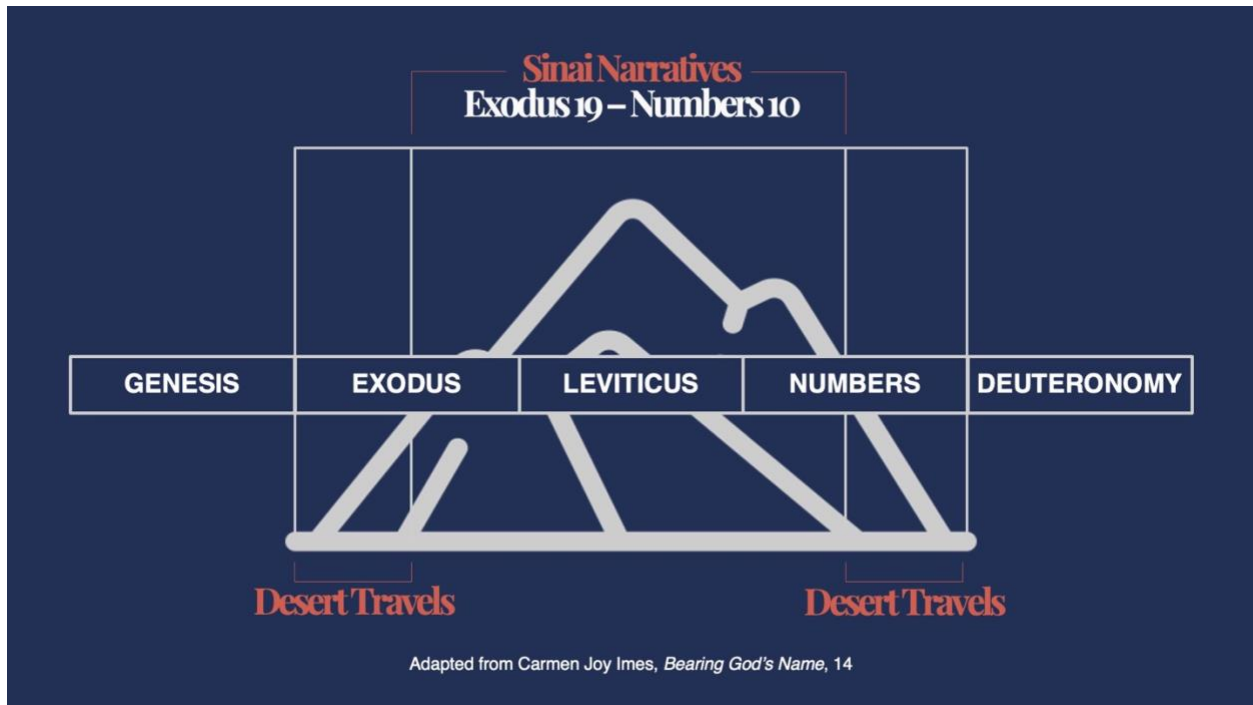


## Bringing Your Faith Home Deuteronomy 5 – “House Rules”



### Deuteronomy 5:1–21 (CSB)

<sup>1</sup> Moses summoned all Israel and said to them, “Israel, listen to the statutes and ordinances I am proclaiming as you hear them today. Learn and follow them carefully. <sup>2</sup> The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. <sup>3</sup> He did not make this covenant with our ancestors, but with all of us who are alive here today. <sup>4</sup> The LORD spoke to you face to face from the fire on the mountain. <sup>5</sup> At that time I was standing between the LORD and you to report the word of the LORD to you, because you were afraid of the fire and did not go up the mountain. And he said: <sup>6</sup> I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the place of slavery. <sup>7</sup> Do not have other gods besides me. <sup>8</sup> Do not make an idol for yourself in the shape of anything in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. <sup>9</sup> Do not bow in worship to them, and do not serve them, because I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, bringing the consequences of the fathers’ iniquity on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, <sup>10</sup> but showing faithful love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commands. <sup>11</sup> Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God, because the LORD will not leave anyone unpunished who misuses his name.

<sup>12</sup> Be careful to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy as the LORD your God has commanded you. <sup>13</sup> You are to labor six days and do all your work, <sup>14</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. Do not do any work—you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, your ox or donkey, any of your livestock, or the resident alien who lives within your city gates, so that your male and female slaves may rest as you do. <sup>15</sup> Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That is why the LORD your God has commanded you to keep the Sabbath day. <sup>16</sup> Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live long and so that you may prosper in the land the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>17</sup> Do not murder. <sup>18</sup> Do not commit adultery. <sup>19</sup> Do not steal. <sup>20</sup> Do not give dishonest testimony against your neighbor. <sup>21</sup> Do not covet your neighbor's wife or desire your neighbor's house, his field, his male or female slave, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



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### Deuteronomy 5:32–33 (CSB)

<sup>32</sup> “Be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you are not to turn aside to the right or the left. <sup>33</sup> Follow the whole instruction the LORD your God has commanded you, so that you may live, prosper, and have a long life in the land you will possess.

### Key Aspects of God's Instruction:

1. This instruction opens with the context of a redemptive relationship (5:9).
2. The instructions close with a focus on the heart (5:21).

“The internal nature of these commands hints at the function of the entire law. This is not legislation in a modern sense, but character formation.” - Carmen Joy Imes, *Bearing God's Name*, 56.

### Shaping Our Instruction:

1. Prioritize relationship.
2. Instruction should be for the sake of character formation.
3. Point them to Jesus.

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