

◆ EXODUS JOURNEY GUIDE ◆

WHEN GOD SPEAKS

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EXODUS 20:1-17

*God has rescued his people—
then teaches them how rescued people live.*



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WORSHIP DEEPLY. GROW BOLDLY. LIVE SENT.

NOTICE

The First Four Commandments

The first four commandments teach God's people how to live in relationship with him.

1 YOU SHALL HAVE... (Exodus 20:3)
Worship the LORD alone.
The LORD does not ask to be first among many;
he claims our worship entirely.

2 YOU SHALL NOT MAKE... (Exodus 20:4–6)
The created cannot replace the Creator.
Anything created makes a poor substitute
for the Creator.

3 YOU SHALL NOT TAKE... (Exodus 20:7)
Bear the LORD's name faithfully.
Do not merely speak God's name rightly;
bear God's name faithfully.

4 REMEMBER... (Exodus 20:8–11)
Learn to live according to God's pattern.
God's people learn to order their lives according
to God's own rhythm.

- ❖ *Because I belong to God, I do not need another god.*
- ❖ *Because I know God, I do not need to remake him.*
- ❖ *Because I bear his name, I want to represent him faithfully.*
- ❖ *Because I trust him, I can rest.*

IN COMMUNITY

- 1** Which of these four commandments feels most needed in your life right now?
- 2** What good things can quietly begin to take the place that belongs to God?
- 3** What does it look like to bear God's name faithfully in everyday life?
- 4** What might your relationship with Sabbath reveal about what you trust?

LISTEN

Hear again: “I am the LORD your God.”



Read Exodus 20:1–11 slowly. Notice not only what God commands, but what these commandments reveal about life with him.

Sometimes what comes between us and the Lord is not obviously harmful. More often, it may be something good that has begun to carry too much weight—security, work, approval, relationships, possessions, success, or control.



PERSONAL REFLECTION

- ① What has been receiving more of my trust, attention, or allegiance than it should?
- ② Where am I tempted to reshape God around what I want him to be?
- ③ What does the way I represent Christ say about the God whose name I bear?
- ④ Where might God be inviting me to trust him enough to stop, rest, or let go?

What may be slipping between you and the Lord?



RESPOND

Reorder one part of your life around your relationship with him.

Faithfulness usually begins with one clear step. Reordering does not mean changing everything at once. It means bringing one part of your life back under the loving rule of the Lord.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

- ① What is one area of my life that feels out of order right now?
- ② What would greater faithfulness to the Lord look like in that area?
- ③ Is there something I need to release, limit, begin, or stop?
- ④ What is one concrete choice I can make this week that says, 'The LORD alone is my God'?

This week, I will reorder this part of my life by:

♦ *God does not simply want to be part of our lives;
he wants us to live from our relationship with him.* ♦

Lord, you are my God. Show me what has begun to take your place,
and give me grace to live faithfully from my relationship with you. Amen.