

# Living by Design: 10 Commandments

## Week 3 // Command 3

October 5, 2025

**Ice Breaker:** What is a nickname you have been given? How did you get it?

**Key Scripture:** Exodus 20:7

*“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.”*

### **Big Idea:**

God designed us with a purpose, and He gave us the Ten Commandments as the foundation for living in right relationship with Him and with others. Honoring God’s name means living under His covering, His power, and His authority—representing Him with truth, reverence, and love.

### **Key Points:**

- **Names are important.** God often gave names that revealed identity and destiny (Abraham, Sarah, Jesus).
- **We bear God’s name.** As His children, we carry His authority and are called to live in His power (John 1:12; Romans 8:15-17).
- **Taking God’s name in vain isn’t just about cursing**—it’s about misusing, misrepresenting, or trivializing His name through our words or actions.
- **Our witness matters.** How we live either honors God or misleads others (Matt. 23).
- **Discipleship honors God.** Following Jesus daily keeps us living under His covering and reveals Him to the world.

### **Digging Deeper Questions:**

- In what ways have I taken God’s name lightly—through words, actions, or attitudes?
- What does it mean for me personally to live “in the name of Jesus”?
- How might my life give others an accurate picture of God’s character?
- What step can I take this week to put God first in my heart and choices?

### **Prayer**

- Thank God that we are called His children, and bear His name
- Pray that the Lord would help you honor Him in all you do, and reflect His love to those around you.