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TEN COMMANDMENTS

Week 1

Restrictive..... *Yes*

.....for everyone's good with a nod to the goodness of God and His blueprint for life.

Points us to Jesus..... *Yes*

.....because we have broken every one of these commandments and need a redemptive solution to the moral dilemma in our messy lives.

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**Have no other
gods before Me.**

Names of God that reveal who He Is

- **Elohim:** The Almighty Creator (*Genesis 1:1....2.532 times*)
- **Yahweh:** The Personal name of God (*His dynamic presence with fullness of heart*)
- **El Roi:** The God Who Sees Me (*Genesis...Abram, Sarah and Hagar*)
- **El Shaddai:** Lord God Almighty (*Genesis to Abram at 99 years old*)
- **Yahweh Rophe:** The Lord Heals (*Exodus ...1 time... second name God reveals*)
- **Yahweh Yireh:** The Lord Provides (*Genesis...Abraham on Mt. Moriah with Isaac*)
- **Yahweh Shammah:** The Lord is There (*Ezekiel...Jerusalem....1 time*)
- **Yahweh Nissi:** The Lord my Banner or Refuge (*Exodus...Moses defeats Amalek*)
- **Yahweh Raah:** The Lord my Shepherd/Friend/Companion (*Psalms 23*)
- **Ish:** Husband (*Hosea*)
- **Yahweh Shalom:** The Lord is Peace (*Gideon in Judges*)

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Romans 1:25

²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator,

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“Our contemporary society is not fundamentally different from these ancient ones. Each culture is dominated by its own set of idols. Each has its “priesthoods,” its totems and rituals. Each one has its shrines - whether office towers, spas and gyms, studios, or stadiums - where sacrifices must be made in order to procure the blessings of the good life and ward off disaster. What are the gods of beauty, power, money, and achievement but these same things that have assumed mythic proportions in our individual lives and in our society?”

- Timothy Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

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“You have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”

- Augustine

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Psalm 135

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**Idolatry destroys our
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God will punish future generations for committing the same sins that their parents did.

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Ezekiel 18

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“We think that idols are bad things, but that is almost never the case. The greater the good, the more likely we are to expect that it can satisfy our deepest needs and hopes. Anything can serve as a counterfeit god, especially the very best things in life.”

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So...therefore...what now?

1. Identify idols

What in the created world do you need for meaning, purpose, happiness, security, identity, wholeness, value?

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What is an idol on the surface and what is deep below?

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What is an idol on the surface and what is deep below?

What is the source at the root of the idol ?

So...therefore...what now?

1. Identify idols
2. Uproot idols
3. **Replace Idols**

So...therefore...what now?

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If you don't get deep enough to the source and replace it with God, then your heart will latch onto another idol

So...therefore...what now?

Recalibrate your heart



