

You may have heard someone joke that it feels that today the Ten Commandments have turned into the Ten Suggestions. These are God's suggestions that a person may want to take into consideration when making decisions, but not absolute. That might be more of a general commentary on society's view of laws in general, but it is certainly true when it comes to God's will as revealed in the Bible. However, do you think that any of the Israelites walked away from Mount Sinai with that misunderstanding? How did God make it clear that these were commands and not suggestions? Let's go back to stand along side of the Israelites at Mt. Sinai and see the God who reveals his will for people.

### **Read & Review**

#### **Read Exodus 19:1-8**

1. Where did the Israelites stop at the 3-month mark of their journey to the Promised Land?
2. What exciting news did the Lord send Moses to deliver to the Israelites?
3. How did God's people respond to this exciting news?

#### **Read Exodus 19:9-23**

5. Let's go back to how the Lord told the people to prepare for the Lord's arrival at Mount Sinai. What were the Israelites to do and not do?
6. Why did God want barriers placed between himself and the people with the penalty of death for those who crossed that barrier?
7. What would you have seen, felt, smelled, and heard if standing there at Mount Sinai?

### **Read Exodus 20:18-21**

8. Why did God show himself in this way as he revealed in spoken and written form his will for his people?

### **Read Exodus 20:1-17**

9. Later in Exodus 34, these commandments will be referred to as “The Ten Commandments.” However, what is missing from these Ten Commandments?

10. We see that the first three Commandments describe our relationship with God, and Commandments 4-10 describe our relationship with our neighbor. Why do you think that God ordered the Commandments as he did and placed emphasis and explanation where he did?

### **His Word in Your Life**

A member of a church suggested that their church give away yard signs with the Ten Commandments printed on them along with the church’s name. This way people would know that this church takes the Commandments seriously. What do you think of the idea?

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