

## Law and Order: Decoding the Commandment Controversy Week 2: The Curse of Compartmentalization

### Series Recap:

Before God was a law-giver he was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Rules without relationship always equals  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Series Theme:** God's laws and rules are not a condition for relationship but a confirmation of a relationship that already exists.

### I. Center Stage

Exodus 20:1-3

*And God spoke all these words: <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. <sup>3</sup> "You shall have no other gods before me.*

First commandment: You shall have  
no other gods before me

- Before there can be \_\_\_\_\_ there must be \_\_\_\_\_.
- True recognition brings total \_\_\_\_\_.
- The first commandment is the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ for anybody who wants to function in a relationship with God.
- If you will \_\_\_\_\_ God for who he is, the implication is that the rest of the commandments take care of themselves.

*The first two commandments set us up for the most important decision of our lives, outside of salvation.*

Matthew 6:33

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

- If you take God out of the center, everything else is just \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

### II. God in a Box

Second commandment: Don't make  
for yourself an idol

- Humanity has always sought to worship a \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- Don't make God a \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't make God a \_\_\_\_\_
- Don't make God merely a set of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Compartmentalizing God will always put you on the fast track towards a personal \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. The Key to Freedom

- God clearly explains that he will not put up with anything that \_\_\_\_\_ with him.
- God is not \_\_\_\_\_; he understands that our lives work better with him at the center.
- Obedience to the first two commandments allows you to \_\_\_\_\_ people you will never meet.
- The secret to the life you have always wanted is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.