

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: ² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ³ "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 _____.