All That God Wants.

What if God could tell you what it looked like for you to love Him? The 10 Commandments gives us a a good start.



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Exodus 19:2-8 After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³ Then Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴ 'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶ you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

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.

Exodus 24:7-11 ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey." Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰ and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

List the 10 Commandments:	
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The Significance of Mount Sinai:

Sinai was not part of any other kingdom, no one owned it so it was the perfect place to create a new "kingdom" of people. God reminded them it was because of His love for them and His power alone that salvation (freedom) had come to them. Unlike all the other religions that were built on the individuals going up to the temple to earn the favor of the gods though sacrifices, in this case, God comes down using His power to call the people to Himself.

The Significance of the Law:

- 1. The law tells us what is important to God and gives us the opportunity to respond to His desires in a way that shows that our heart has been changed because of what He has done for us.
- 2. His laws create a counter-cultural community that uses powerful things like sex, money, and power not in exploitive ways, but in a way that honors others. This is the most powerful way the community of Sierra Community Church can demonstrate that we love God and belong to Him.
- -John 17:20-21 I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.
- 3. God's laws (priorities) give me the opportunity to reflect on the priorities that rule my heart. Jesus reminds us that these teachings were not just for people living in ancient times. He took them seriously and taught that His followers should too.
- -Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

The Significance of the Blood:

The people used blood as a legally binding contract that committed themselves to obey all that God had taught. Failing to keep their agreement, God made a provision for them by substituting an animals life in place of theirs. Many years after Sinai, God in His love for us, would provide a perfect substitute for our failings at great personal expense to Himself.

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