

Limits: The Property Line that Defines Us

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Exodus 20:1-17

I. Why Boundaries Matter:

¹And God spoke all these words: ²"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

1. Freedom without boundaries is chaos.

2. Boundaries define and protect what's best in life.

II. The Ultimate Set of Boundaries: 10 Commandments

⁸"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ^{10a}but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.

1. Setting boundaries with our time frees us from drivenness.

¹⁴"You shall not commit adultery."

2. Setting boundaries in our marriage frees us to love with abandon.

¹²"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you."

3. Setting boundaries in our family frees kids to grow up feeling secure.

^{7a}"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God."

¹⁶"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor."

4. Setting boundaries around speech instills integrity in kid's lives.

¹³"You shall not murder." ¹⁵"You shall not steal." ³"You shall have no other gods before me." ⁴"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below."

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

5. Setting boundaries around what we value keeps God first.