

Relationship Rules with God

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DISCUSS

1. Share one thing from the sermon that stood out to you or impacted you personally.

Relationship Rule #1: There Shall Be No Other God (Exodus 20:3)

2. What does it mean to have no other gods before God? How do we sometimes unintentionally place other things or people in God's place in our lives?
3. In your own life, what are some potential "gods" that could compete for your attention and devotion? How can you guard against this?

Relationship Rule #2: God is Rightfully Jealous for Our Attention (Exodus 20:5)

4. The passage mentions that God is a jealous God. How should we understand this aspect of God's character, and how does it relate to our relationship with Him?
5. Discuss examples from your life when you've felt God's jealousy for your attention. How did you respond, and what did you learn from those experiences?
6. How can we balance our relationships with other people and our relationship with God, ensuring that God remains our top priority?

Relationship Rule #3: God Faithfully Loves and Gives While Others Only Take (Exodus 20:6)

7. Reflect on God's faithfulness and His promise to show steadfast love to thousands of generations. How does this truth impact your view of God's character?
8. Share instances from your life when you experienced God's faithful love and provision. How can we express gratitude for His blessings?

REFLECT

- **Personal:** How can you practically apply these three relationship rules in your daily life?
- **Group:** Share specific examples or challenges you've faced. Discuss ways you can help one another live out these rules and maintain a strong, faithful relationship with God.

PRAY

Gracious and loving Heavenly Father, I come before You with a heart filled with gratitude for the time I spent reflecting on Your Word today. Thank You for revealing Your relationship rules through Exodus 20:1-6. I recognize that it's not always easy to keep You at the center of my life, and I confess that I sometimes allow other things to take priority. I ask for Your forgiveness for the times I have placed other gods before You, for the moments when I have failed to recognize Your rightful jealousy for my attention, and for the times I've been ungrateful for Your faithful love and provision.

I pray, O God, that You would help me grow in my relationship with You. Give me the strength and wisdom to apply these relationship rules in my life daily. Grant me discernment to recognize and remove anything that competes with my devotion to You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.