

**Deuteronomy 5:6-21 – The Big Ten (Commandments)**  
**April 17, 2016 Sermon Notes**

"Liberation is no advantage in itself unless consolidated into social structures that maintain its objectives for the whole community. The Decalogue is the foundation block of such consolidation."

John 8:36 ESV

36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

1 Corinthians 8:6 NLT

6 But for us, There is one God, the Father, by whom all things were created, and for whom we live. And there is one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things were created, and through whom we live.

Jeremiah 2:13 NLT

13 "For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me—the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!

Leviticus 19:17 ESV

17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

Hosea 4:2 ESV

2 there is swearing, lying, murder, stealing, and committing adultery; they break all bounds, and bloodshed follows bloodshed.

"Private" matters impact the public good:

- Children of divorce are 82% more likely to live in poverty than children in two-parent homes
- Children of divorce are 40 times more likely to be sexually abused than children in two-parent homes
- The possibility of child neglect doubles when parents divorce
- Children of divorce are 60% less likely to attend college than children in two-parent homes

Ephesians 4:28 NLT

28 If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

The commandments are not about law-keeping; they are about the heart, which so often leads to law-breaking.

John 14:15 ESV

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.