

THE SINAI CODE

Sinai Code 5 - *Thou Shalt Be Free* {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

Freedom. We celebrate it each Fourth of July. We celebrate it because freedom was the dream of those who founded this nation. A nation of free and equal men, not bound in loyalty to a king, but each man held accountable under a common law. But did you know that these concepts are found not only in the Declaration of Independence, but also in the Ten Commandments?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. It seems paradoxical that freedom is found through laws, but how do laws encourage freedom?
2. What are the benefits of a nation like America where the people all live under a common law, as opposed to a monarchy where the king makes the laws?

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

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

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.

Exodus 20:12-17

3. The Ten Commandments were given to keep a freed people free. How does breaking any of these commandments cause a loss of freedom?
4. What was the connection between the stability of the family and the nation of Israel's stability in the land God was giving them? Today what is the connection between the state of the family and the state of our nation?

5. Commandments 7-9 (vv. 13-16) continue to focus on honoring others. Why would God put so much emphasis on how we treat other people?

6. What do you covet? What is it that you don't have that you strongly desire?

7. What are the consequences of coveting what someone else has?

8. The last six commandments focus on honoring others. Who is someone in your life that you could do a better job of honoring?

THINK ABOUT IT

Look back at each of the Ten Commandments. Which one do you tend to break more than the others? List the consequences of breaking this commandment. How do they limit your freedom?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Choose freedom. Focus on following the commandment that is difficult for you. What will it take this week for you to abide by this commandment?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

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