



"10 Values That Grow Strong Christians", Series, Part 1
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First Things First! (Exodus 20:3)

Intro: Covenant Language

- Principles of a Marriage Covenant
- Principles of God's Covenant (Exodus 19 & 20)

The Founding Principle of God's Covenant

"You shall have no other gods before me." (Ex. 20:3)

What does it mean?

- "before me" literally means "side by side with me, in addition to me, in opposition to me"...
- God says He must be the only One we follow.
- God + other gods = 0 (God insists on exclusivity.)

How do we apply this to our lives?

- In our lives, what would it look like to follow Christ exclusively?
- Where do we look to find life's purpose, understanding, guidance, provision, and protection? Anything other than Christ becomes a god we allow to influence us side by side with Him...in addition to Him...in opposition to Him.