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1.Agree to God's Holy Covenant - Exodus 19:3-8

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Topic: Live Holy for Worship and Witness **Book Theme:** Faith, Obedience, & Deliverance **Chapters:** Exodus 19 - 20 **June 5th, 2024**

Central Text: Exodus 19:5-6, NKJV, 5 Now therefore, *if* you will indeed <u>obey My voice</u> and <u>keep My covenant</u>, *then* you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; *for all the earth is Mine*. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of *priests* and a *holy nation*.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

Read: Romans 8:1-6, NLT, 1 So now there is <u>no condemnation</u> for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2 And because you belong to him, the <i>power of the life-giving Spirit</i> has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. 3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.
5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.
Question For Dialogue: When we love someone, we have a desire to honor them. God's love for us, combined with our love for Him, and His presence in our hearts via the Holy Spirit are the components each believer embodies that allows us to reject what our sin nature wants and pursue what the Spirit wants. The Israelites agreed to God's covenant, but soon broke it. What area of your life has God asked you to grow out of, but you're hesitant to let it go?
2.Allow God to Validate Us - Exodus 19:9
Question for Dialogue: The world's validation isn't dependable, because it changes with the weather. However, God's validation is consistent and something we anchor to our hearts. How have you suffered emotionally because you haven't been validated or affirmed by man? What emotions do you need to surrender to Jesus, so that He can validate and affirm your worth and value?
3.Realize that Violations of Holiness Have Life Altering Consequences - Exodus 19:10-25

<u>Question for Dialogue:</u> Love drives our faithfulness and commitment to people. Love also drives our faithfulness and commitment to Jesus. *1 John 3:18, NKJV, 18 My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in <u>deed and in</u>*

truth. John 14:21,23-24, NLT, 21 Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them. 23 Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. 24 Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me." - Rejecting Jesus' love and word is an act of hostility, and places us in severe danger. How can we monitor our behavior and ensure we aren't violating God's requirement of holiness in our lives?
4.Review God's Commandments for Accountability - Exodus 20:1-17
Hebrews 3:1-19, NLT, 1 And so, dear brothers and sisters who belong to God and are partners with those called to heaven, think carefully about this Jesus whom we declare to be God's messenger and High Priest. 2 For he was faithful to God, who appointed Him, just as Moses served faithfully when he was entrusted with God's entire house. 3 But Jesus deserves far more glory than Moses, just as a person who builds a house deserves more praise than the house itself. 4 For every house has a builder, but the one who built everything is God. 5 Moses was certainly faithful in God's house as a servant. His work was an illustration of the truths God would reveal later. 6 But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house, if we keep our courage and remain confident in our hope in Christ. 7 That is why the Holy Spirit says, "Today when you hear his voice, 8 don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled, when they tested Me in the wilderness. 9 There your ancestors tested and tried My patience, even though they saw My miracles for forty years. 10 So I was angry with them, and I said, "Their hearts always turn away from me. They refuse to do what I tell them.' 11 So in my anger I took an oath: "They will never enter my place of rest."" 12 Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure that your own hearts are not evil and unbelieving, turning you away from the living God. 13 You must warn each other every day, while it is still "today," so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God. 14 For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. 15 Remember what it says: "Today when you hear his voice, don't harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled." 16 And who was it who rebelled against God, even though they heard his voice? Wasn't it the people Moses led out of Egypt? 17 And who made God angry for forty years? Wasn't it the people who sinned, whose corpses lay in
Question for Dialogue: What are some healthy practices we must follow if we're going to hold others accountable for their ungodly actions?
5.Reverence for God Helps Us Avoid Sin, But A Love Relationship With Him Is A Stronger Influence Against Sin - Exodus 20:18-21
Question for Dialogue: When did you first learn to have a reverential fear and respect for God?