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Sunday, April 13, 2008

**“WHO’S ON FIRST?”**

(Exodus 20:1-3)

Today we begin our exploration of the Ten Commandments under the theme “The Game of Life.” How can we live the life God created us to live and experience the joy and purpose He desires for us? The first commandment gets us started in the right direction.

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments” (Matthew 22:37-40, NIV).*

**The Bible teaches us what God is like:**

- God is \_\_\_\_\_
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**HOW DO I PUT GOD FIRST?**

1. Put God first in your \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV).
2. Put Him first in your \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV).
3. Put God first in your \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 12:26, NIV).
4. Put God first in your \_\_\_\_\_ (Ephesians 5:15-17, NIV).
5. Put God first in your \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 50:15, NIV).

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*“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s”*  
(Matthew 22:21, NIV).

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**The Bible teaches us what God is like:**

- God is **Person**
- God is **Eternal**
- God is **Relational**
- God is **Purposeful**

*“You shall have no other gods before me”* (Exodus 20:3, NIV).

*“Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD”* (Joshua 24:14-15, NIV).

**HOW DO I PUT GOD FIRST?**

1. Put God first in your **finances**.

*“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing” (Proverbs 3:9-10, NIV).*

*“Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship...Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God” Deuteronomy 14:23, NLT).*

**2. Put Him first in your interests.**

*“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Corinthians 10:31, NIV).*

**3. Put God first in your relationships.**

*“A righteous man is cautious in friendship” (Proverbs 12:26, NIV).*

**4. Put God first in your schedule.**

*“So be careful how you live. Don’t live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do” (Ephesians 5:15-17, NIV).*

**5. Put God first in your troubles.**

*Call upon me in the day of trouble” (Psalm 50:15, NIV).*

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you” Matthew 6:33, NKJV).*