

Welcome to

Sierra Community Church



# Monday Nights With Bill Denney

**6:30pm - 8pm January 11th, February 8th, March 14th & April 11th**

Bill has been helping individuals and families for the last 40 years. He will bring his expertise to examine some of the common questions we all have. He'll be answering some of the following:

*How did I get this way?*

*Does my history matter?*

*How do I handle conflict?*

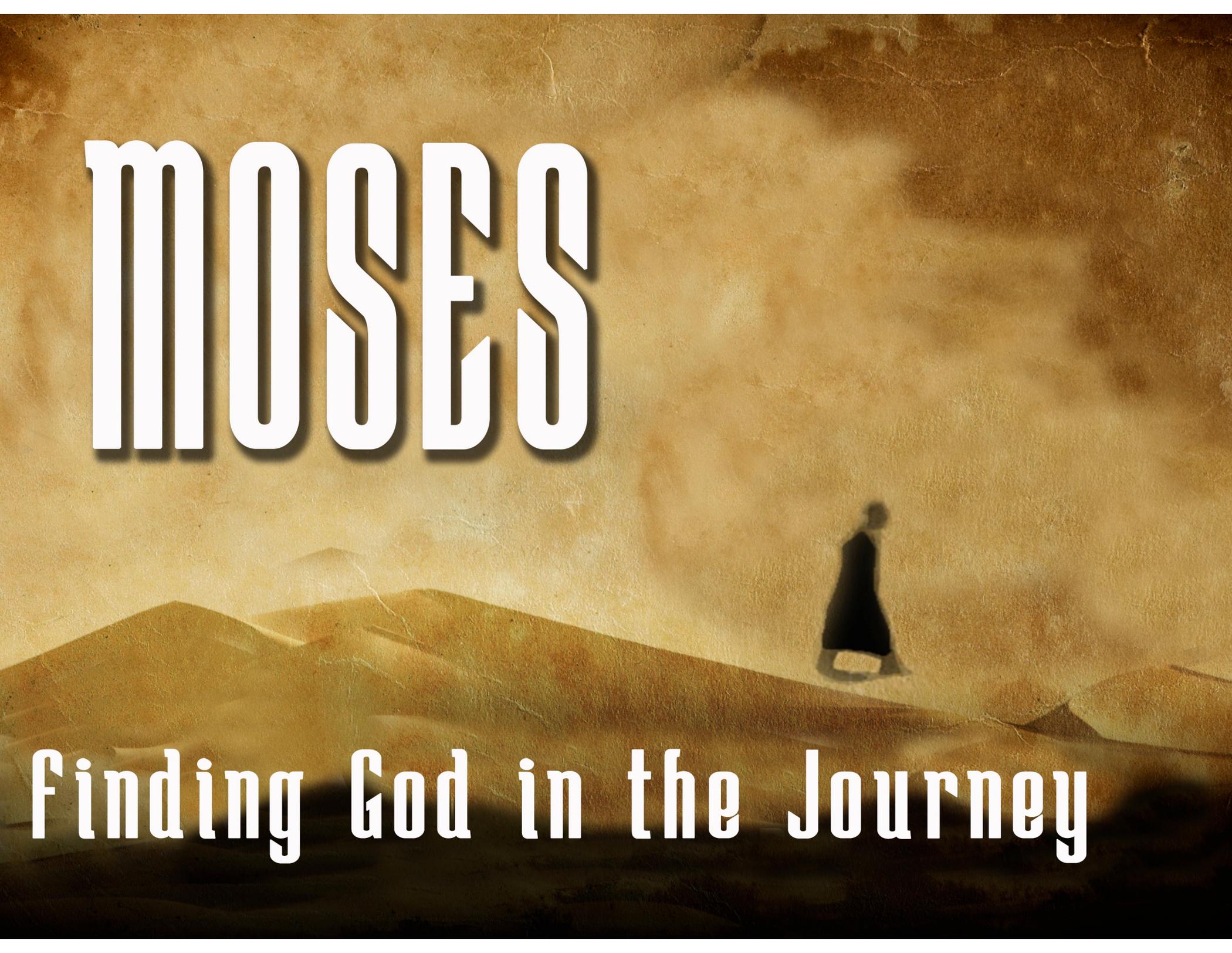
*What's the real problem in my marriage?*

*How can I help my kids with the tough stuff they face?*

*Can you help me/us with pornography, lust and all the other sexual struggles?*

*I feel worthless and "less than" and guilty. Can I ever get beyond this ?*

# MOSES

A silhouette of a person walking across a vast, hazy desert landscape under a textured, brown sky. The person is walking from left to right, and the landscape is composed of rolling dunes. The sky is a mix of light and dark brown tones, suggesting a hazy or dusty atmosphere. The overall style is reminiscent of a vintage poster or a religious illustration.

Finding God in the Journey

# MOSES

EXODUS 19:2-8

EXODUS 20:1-3

EXODUS 24:7-11



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# The Birth of Jesus



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1982

**NEWSLINE**

A QUICK READ ON THE TOP NEWS OF THE DAY

**WEATHER:** Forecasters keep an eye on big storms out of Bahamas whipping northward in Atlantic. Tropical storm Debbie veering away from mainland, though. Thunderstorms from Pennsylvania to Oklahoma, but chills that gripped mid-nation and dumped foot of snow in Yellowstone are waning. Details in full color. 12A.

**ASSASSINATION:** Lebanon's president-elect killed by explosion at East Beirut headquarters. Bashir Gemayel's death may return peace efforts to square one; and Reagan calls death "a shock to chilled men and women" and condemns it as a "heinous crime." 9A.

**HIT MAN:** NBC investigative report contends that because of Pope John Paul II's threat to intervene personally in any Soviet invasion of his homeland, the Kremlin, perhaps even Premier Leonid Brezhnev himself, put out a \$1.5 million contract on the pontiff last year. 9A.

**DEATHS:** Princess Grace got the headlines, but death also has come to two writers. Leicester Hemingway, Ernest's brother and a Florida author of six books, like his sibling shot himself at home. Innovative contemporary novelist John Gardner, 45, dies in motorcycle crash. 2A.

**MERGER:** The Beagle-Martin Marietta-United Technologies merger dogfight has Wall Street in a tizzy. No matter how the dust settles, big money's at stake. 1B.

**NATION:** Law officers from 17 Sun Belt states meet in Tennessee to discuss Southern underground economy and its profit switch from moonshine to marijuana. 2A.

■ IBM charges 1 ex-employees with theft of trade secrets.

**WASHINGTON:** Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, ruthless dictator in some eyes and benevolent senior socialist, leaves turmoil at home to meet with Reagan Thursday in the White House. The session could affect American military presence in the Far East for years. 2A. (Details on state dinner, 6A.)

■ If immigration reform bill survives House review, thousands of foreign students will have to go home for two years after college graduation before they can work here. American firms are angry. 6A.

**ABROAD:** Far first time since WW II, war prisoners — five Soviets captured by Afghan resistance fighters — are interned in Switzerland. 9A.

**OPINIONS:** Americans must get serious about setting a national agenda — USA TODAY editorial. 10A.

Guest commentaries: Detroit Mayor Coleman Young says American cities are crumbling while Washington yawns; California Gov. Jerry Brown says we must live by our wits and work harder. 10A.

■ Inquiry: House Majority Leader Jim Wright says Ronald Reagan is leading us back to Depression. Senate Majority Leader Howard Baker says not so. 11A.

**MONEY:** Many women still "afraid" of money, says a

**USA TODAY**

VIA SATELLITE

**Coast-to-coast**

News from all 50 states

Pages 4-5A

**Weather across the USA**

Full page of color, forecasts. 12A

**Scoreboard**

All sports, all results

Section C

**Americans get an 'F' in religion****Author says knowledge of all faiths is essential**

By Cathy Lynn Grossman, USA TODAY

Sometimes dumb sounds cute:

**Sixty percent of Americans can't name five of the Ten Commandments,**

and 50% of high school seniors think Sodom and Gomorrah were married.

Stephen Prothero, chairman of the religion department at Boston University, isn't laughing.

Americans' deep ignorance of

neighbors' or the combatants in Iraq, Darfur or Kashmir -- dangerous, he says.

His new book, Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know -- and Doesn't, argues that everyone needs to grasp Bible basics, as well as the core beliefs, stories, symbols and heroes of other faiths.

Belief is not his business, says Prothero, who grew up

## List the 10 Commandments:

1. *Have no other Gods before me.*
2. *Do not make for yourself a graven image.*
3. *Do not misuse the name of the Lord.*
4. *Remember the Sabbath.*
5. *Honor your father and your mother.*
6. *Do not murder.*
7. *Do not commit adultery.*
8. *Do not steal.*
9. *Do not give false testimony.*
10. *Do not covet.*

What book other than Exodus has the list? *Deuteronomy Ch.5*

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**Sinai was not part of any other kingdom, no one owned it so it was the perfect place to create a new “kingdom” of people.**

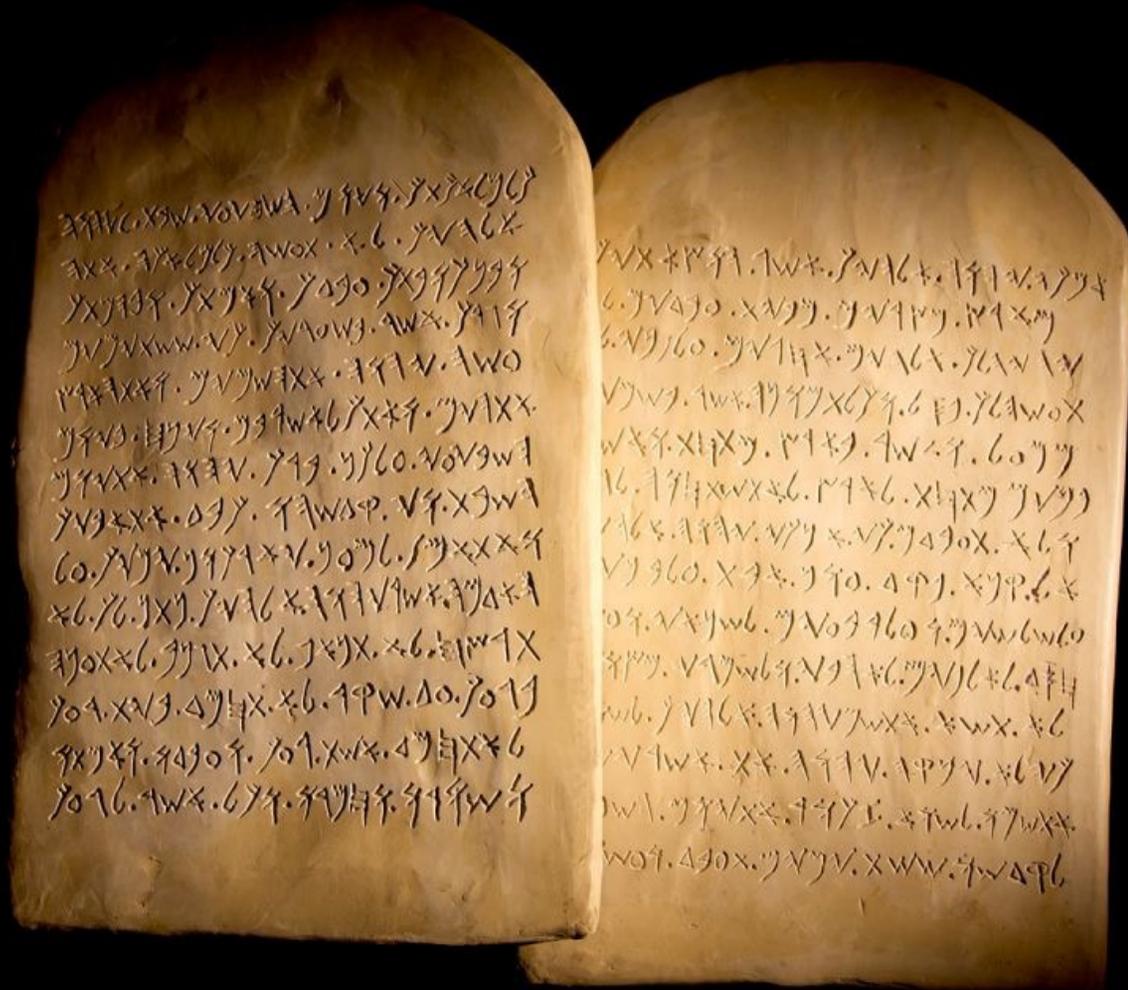
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**God reminded them it was because of His love for them and His power alone that salvation (freedom) had come to them.**

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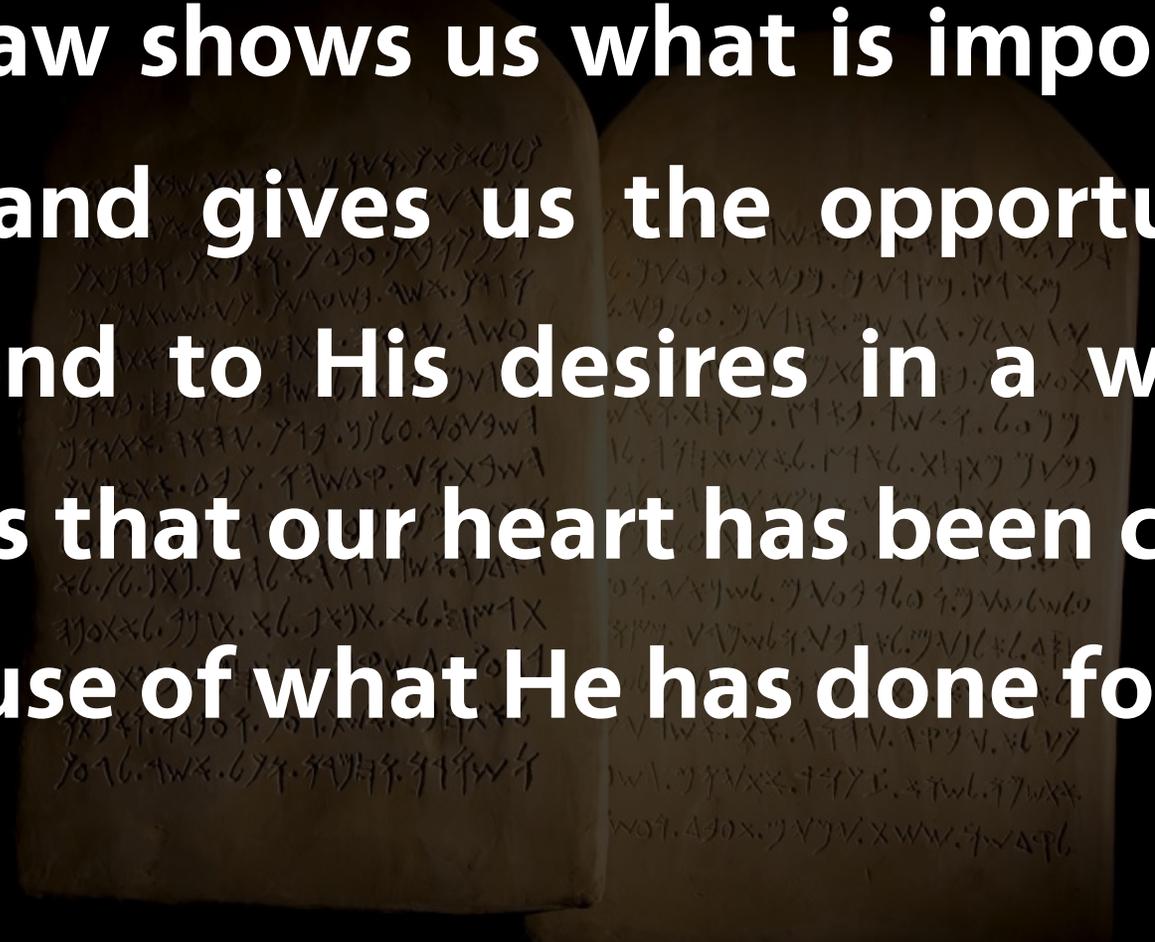
**Unlike all the other religions that were built on the individuals going up to the temple to earn the favor of the gods through sacrifices, in this case, God comes down using His power to call the people to Himself.**

# The Significance of the Commandments:



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**The law shows us what is important to God and gives us the opportunity to respond to His desires in a way that shows that our heart has been changed because of what He has done for us.**

The background of the text features two stone tablets, likely representing the Ten Commandments. The tablets are dark and have faint, illegible Hebrew text written on them. They are positioned behind the main text, with the left tablet slightly in front of the right one.

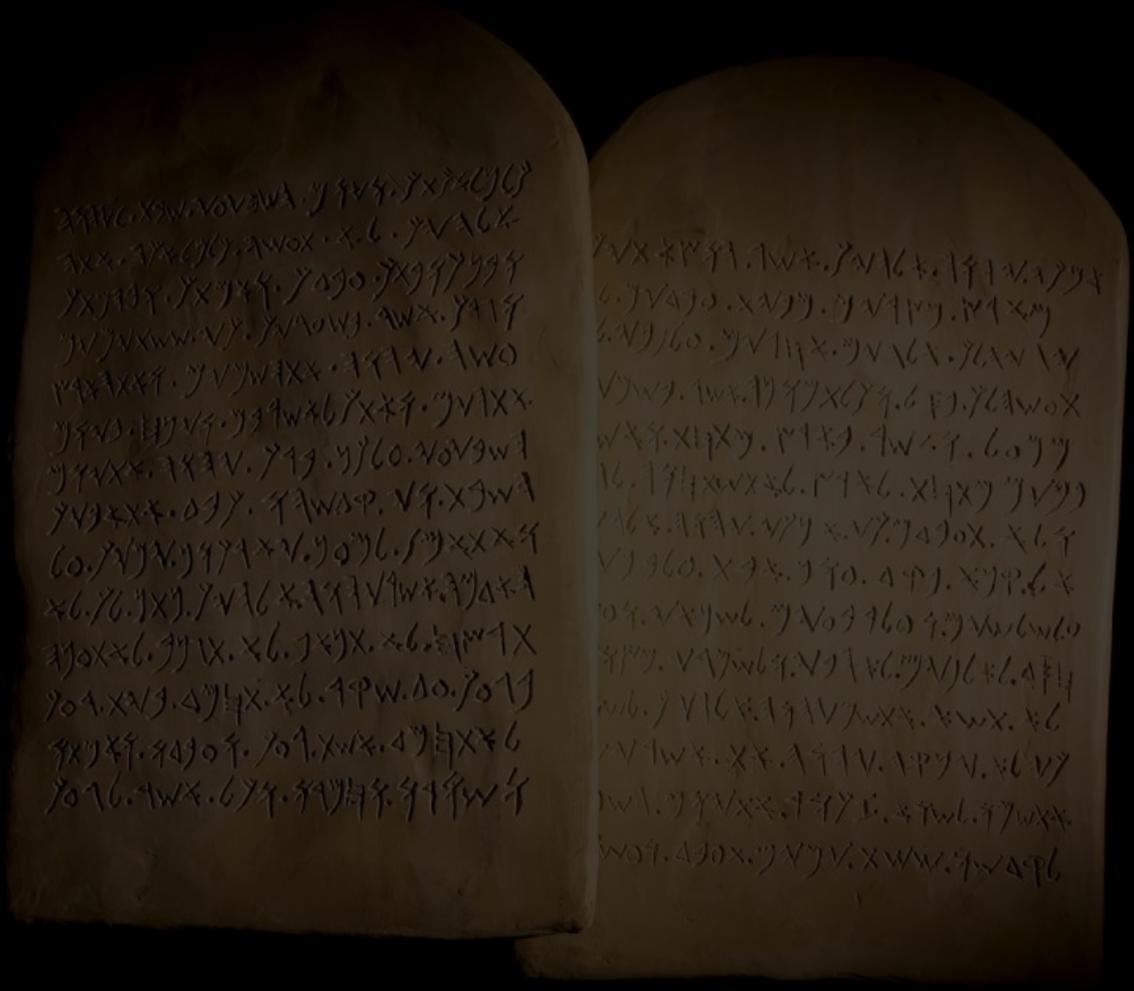


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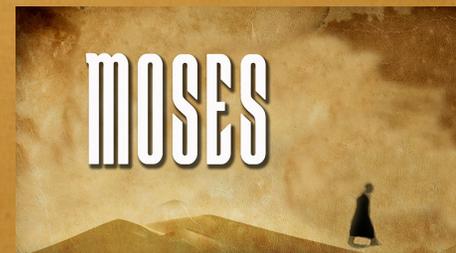


## *The Significance of the Commandments:*

**His laws create a counter-cultural community, that uses powerful things like sex, money, and power not to exploit others but in a way that honors others. This is the most powerful way the community of Sierra Community Church can demonstrate that we love God and belong to Him.**

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

*-John 17:20-21*

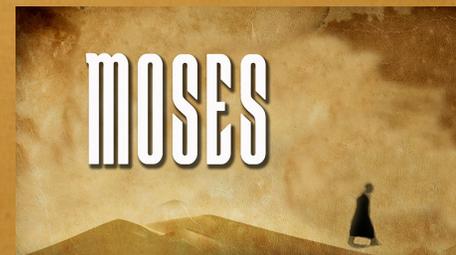


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**God's laws (priorities) give me the opportunity to reflect on priorities that rule my heart. Jesus reminds us that these teachings were not just for the people living in ancient times. He took them seriously and taught that His followers should too.**

“Do not think that I have come to *abolish the Law* or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.”

-*Matthew 5:17*



*God tests people for their  
benefit, not his own.*

# The Significance of the Blood.



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Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the Lord has said; we will obey." Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you." -Exodus 24:7-9

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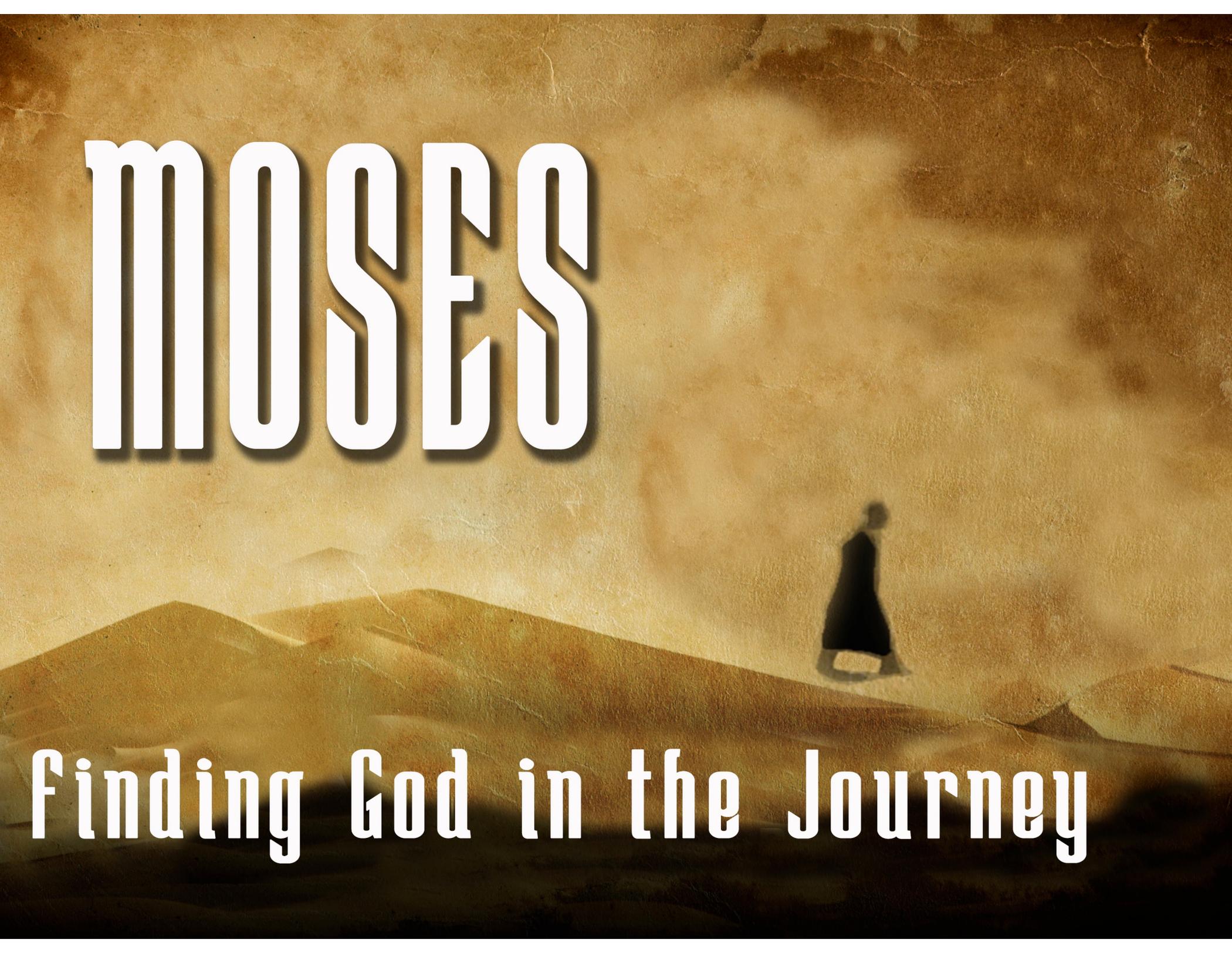
**When the people failed to keep their agreement, God made a provision for them by substituting an animal's life in place of theirs. Many years after Sinai, God in His love for us, would provide a perfect substitute for our failings at great personal expense to Himself.**

## *The Significance of the Blood:*

*This is my blood of the covenant*, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. -Matthew 26:28

Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "*This is the blood of the covenant* that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." -Ex. 24:8

# MOSES

The background of the entire image is a textured, brownish-gold surface that resembles aged parchment or weathered paper. In the lower half, there are rolling, hazy dunes of a similar color. A small, dark silhouette of a person in a long, dark robe is walking across the dunes from left to right, positioned towards the right side of the frame. The overall mood is one of solitude and a long, arduous journey.

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