

Series: Our Journey Home
Message: Our Relationship with the Fellowship
Text: Exodus 20:12-17
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In the *Great Commandment* (Mark 12:30) Jesus summarizes the *Ten Commandments* into two logical parts. God expects His children to love Him with *all their heart and* to love others *from the heart*. Our *reverence* for the Father naturally precedes our *relationship* with the Fellowship. We cannot *love others* correctly until we're truly *in love* with God. Rightly related to God we're *equipped* to relate to others. In the second half of the Decalogue, Moses outlines six practical guidelines for biblical community.

1st The Preeminence of *Relationships* (20:1-11)

"Showing mercy... to those who love Me and keep My commandments"

2nd The Priority of *Family* (20:12)

"Honor your father and your mother..."

3rd The Protection of *Life* (20:13)

"You shall not murder..."

4th The Promotion of *Marriage* (20:14)

"You shall not commit adultery..."

5th The Provision for *Property* (20:15)

"You shall not steal..."

6th The Practice of *Truth* (20:16)

"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor..."

7th The Prescription for *Contentment* (20:17)

"You shall not covet your neighbors..."

Application to life: *Are you rightly related with the Father and in the Fellowship?* What is the Spirit prompting you to do today that would encourage revival in your life? The Decalogue is not a set of harsh

rules meant to *prevent us from enjoying life* but rather a *prescription to insure abundant life!*