

## SERMON-BASED STUDY: TAKE NO MORE

*Exodus 20:14-15, ESV* – <sup>14</sup>“You shall not commit adultery.  
<sup>15</sup>“You shall not steal.

### Notes:

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### QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This week we learned that these two commandments center on unlawful taking and that this begins with “I desire” and “I deserve.” What drives the beliefs “I desire” and “I deserve”?
- 2 Practically speaking, how do people guard against breaking the command, “Do not commit adultery”?
- 3 How is stealing related to a lack of faith in God’s provision?

## DIGGING DEEPER

**A** **Genesis 39:6b-10, ESV** – *Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup> And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.*

**4** Looking at the passage above, we read that Joseph understood adultery to be a "sin against God." Why is adultery a sin against God?

**5** What lessons can we learn from Joseph in regards to obeying this commandment?

**B** **Matthew 5:27-28, ESV** – <sup>27</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

**6** How is adultery really an "inner" issue more than an "outer" issue?

**7** Jesus makes it clear in this passage that adultery, like all sin, begins in the heart. What are some practical ways that a person can avoid this "trap" of sinning in your heart?

**C** **Ephesians 4:28, ESV** – <sup>28</sup> Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**8** In the above passage, Paul gives clear instructions for former thieves. Why is honest work connected to sharing with others in need?

**9** How does this principle guard the fellowship of believers and the testimony of believers to the rest of society?

## TAKING IT HOME

This week we learned how adultery and stealing are deeper issues than simply the acts themselves. So, how are you doing with following these two commands? What things need to change in your life to better obey God in these areas? Share with your group or accountability partner what God has been showing you. Pray for one another as you seek to honor God by honoring others.

## PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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## FOR FURTHER STUDY

Genesis 1:28; 2:18, 21-23

Exodus 22:1-4

Proverbs 6:32-35

Matthew 19:4-6

1 Corinthians 6:15-20; 7:3-7

Colossians 4:1

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

2 Timothy 2:22

James 5:2-5