

Rote & Salona UMC

The  
Story



NEW COMMANDS & COVENANT



*Darrell's Warped Mind*

**OMG! The coffee pot is broken!**

**God created & It was good**

**Man had & has a different vision → Sin**

**God started over, but sin is ever present**

**God built a nation thru Abraham & Sarah**

**Joseph saved this new nation**

**A New king came into power & did not know**

**Joseph or God**

**God raised up a deliverer → Moses**

**God demonstrated that He was with His people**

**AND HE ALWAYS WILL BE!**

**But man has a different vision**

A sunset over a dark landscape with a road leading towards the horizon. The sun is a small bright orange circle on the horizon, casting a warm glow across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a bright orange near the horizon. The foreground is dark, with a road visible on the right side.

God says:  
You are different

**ACT  
LIKE IT!**

# 1. Who are the following people:

- **Aaron –**

- Served as High Priest during wandering
- Was responsible for allowing the golden calf
- Died on MT Horeb
- Succeeded by son Eleazar

- **Joshua –**

- Son of Nun
- Moses' aide
- Succeeded Moses

- **Moses –**

- Led people in wandering
- Was forbidden to enter promise land
- Died on Mt Nebo

2. What events occurred in 1445 - there were at least 4)

- **Moses received the 10 Commandments**
- **Moses goes back up Mt Sinai**
- **Aaron allows golden calf to be made**
- **Tabernacle is built**

### 3. What do the following mean:

- **Consecrate –**
  - **To dedicate to God**
- **Tabernacle–**
  - **Also called ‘Tent of Meetings’**
  - **Where God’s presence was**
  - **In wilderness – it was portable**
- **Idol/s –**
  - **Anything that people worship other than God**
- **Anoint –**
  - **Symbolic setting apart for God**
  - **Using oil to deem sacred**

4. What does 1 Corinthians 10. 31 add to our understanding of the Ten Commandments?

- **“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”**
- **The Commandments were to help us lead lives honoring God**
- **Every breath is for serving and living as God instructs**



5. Why was it so easy for Israel to slip from a covenant relationship to idolatry?

- **“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”**
- **They took their eyes off God**
- **They sought to do things their way**
- **“God’s ways...”**

6. What do the following say about the Covenant and the Commandments:

- **Romans 3. 20 –**
  - **“Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.”**
- **Galatians 3. 24 –**
  - **“So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.”**

6. What do the following say about the Covenant and the Commandments:

- **Hebrews 10. 1-4 –**
  - **“The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. <sup>2</sup> Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. <sup>3</sup> But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins. <sup>4</sup> It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”**
- **Hebrews 8. 8-9 –**
  - **“<sup>8</sup> But God found fault with the people and said: “The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>9</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord.”**

**7. What is the Upper Story message this week?**

## **8. How should this impact our Lower Story?**

***Sin***



***Presence***

***Intercession***

Israel begins **the cycle**

# The gravitational pull of sin

God's deliverance of His people was  
astonishing Supernatural plagues

Miraculous rescue through the Red Sea

A cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night

Water from the rock

Bread from heaven → → → → Freedom

A photograph of a sunset over a dark, flat landscape. The sun is a bright orange orb on the horizon, casting a glow across the sky. The sky transitions from a pale yellow near the horizon to a deep blue at the top. The word "DISOBEDIENCE" is written in a bold, italicized, serif font in a dark red color, centered horizontally across the middle of the image.

***DISOBEDIENCE***



**The words of God had not stopped  
echoing on the mountain**

**The dust had not yet settled from carving  
the tablets**

**Moses' knees had not stopped shaking**

**AND**

**there were God's chosen people dancing  
around an idol**

***FORTUNATELY GOD IS LONG-SUFFERING***

## **Paul struggle with his golden calf-**

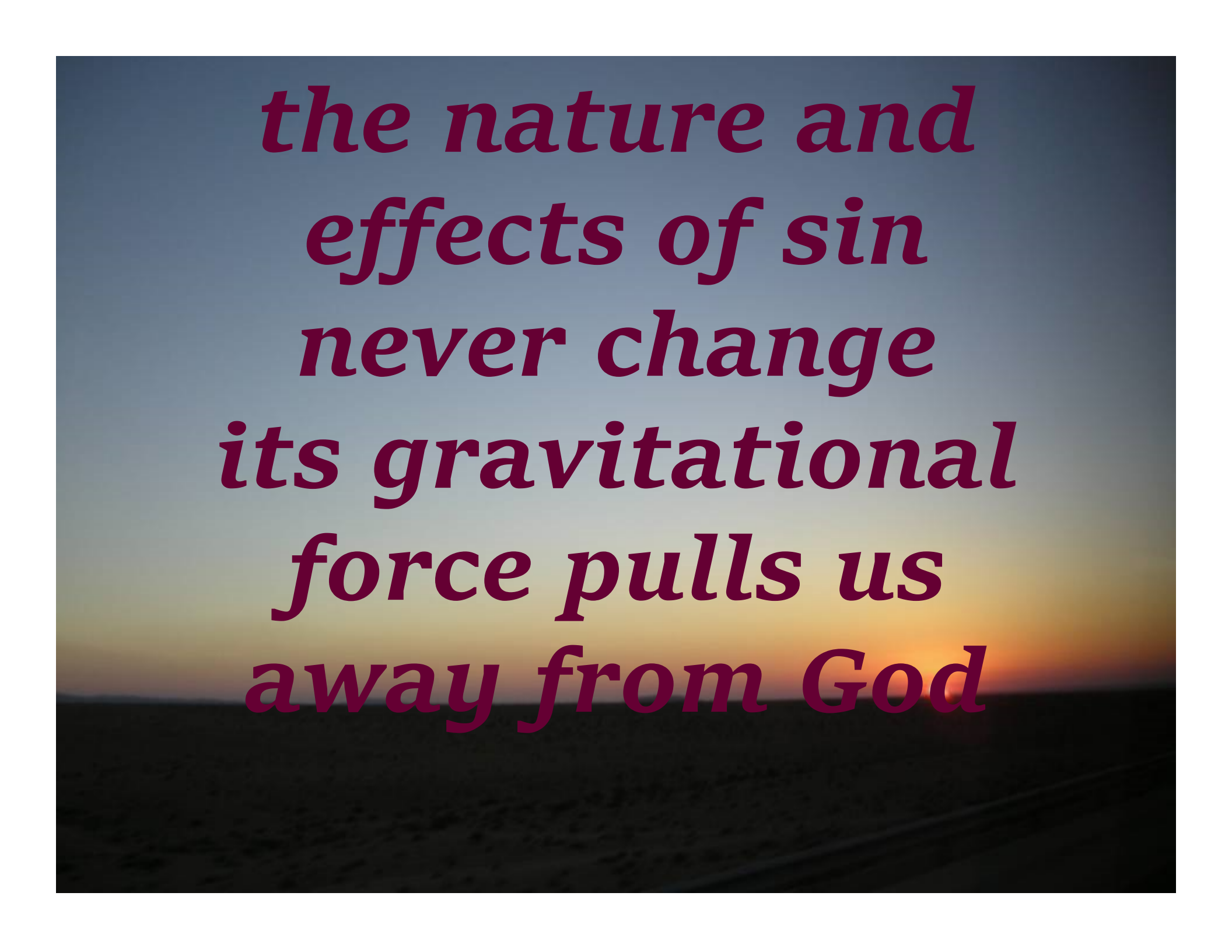
### **Romans 7.**

**<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.**

## **AARON DANCES AROUND SIN:**

**"<sup>22</sup> Do not be angry, my Lord," Aaron answered. "You know how prone these people are to evil. <sup>23</sup> They said to me, 'Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him.' <sup>24</sup> So I told them, 'Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.' Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!"**





*the nature and  
effects of sin  
never change  
its gravitational  
force pulls us  
away from God*

*Sin*



*Presence*

*Intercession*

# Moses as the Intercessory

- *Moses was the intermediary that brought the will of God down from Sinai - after 40 days alone with God*
- *After their disobedience, he fills this ambassadorial role by passionately interceding for Israel, and reminding God of his oaths, just as Jesus did in the entire 17th chapter of John's Gospel*
- *Then after he destroys the golden calf, Moses goes back to the Lord and, in a third messianic act, intercedes again by offering himself to be "blotted out of the book you have written."*

*TO LEAD OUR FAMILIES*

*WE MUST*

*BE AN*

*INTERCESSOR*



# How???????

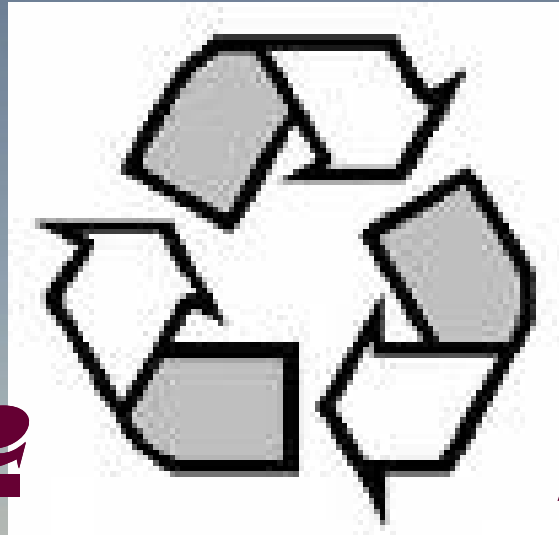
**Spend a lot of time with God, and then share with your family what you sense from him**

**Like Moses, when your children sin, remind God of his promises of mercy and grace to all of His children, including yours**

**Like Moses, offer yourself to God and ask Him to change *you*, before you ask him change anyone else**



*Sin*



*Presence*

*Intercession*

*7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the "tent of meeting." Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. 8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. 9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. 10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. 11 The Lord would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young aide Joshua son of Nun did not leave the tent. 12 Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' 13 If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." 14 The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*

# Matthew 11. 28-30

**“<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>**

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”**

**God has chosen to be in you!**

A sunset over a dark landscape with a road leading towards the horizon. The sun is a bright orange circle on the horizon, with a gradient of colors from orange to blue in the sky above. The foreground is dark and blurry, suggesting a road or a field.

# But!

**For God to live with and in us  
Three things must be  
accomplished**

## **We must follow Gods Commands Ex 20. 1-7**

**God wants a community of love reflecting the Trinity relationship**

**The Ten Commandments shape the community of love**  
*Commandments 1-4 guide how we treat God.*

***Vertical relationship***

*Commandments 5-10 guide how we treat other people.*

***Horizontal relationships***

**Our sin nature resists God's guidelines**

**While Moses was away getting the 10 Commandments**

**Aaron built a golden calf and the people worshiped it**

**God will not be with rebellious people**

**Moses interceded so that God would not wipe out his people**

**Exodus 32:22-23**

## **God desires a place to live Ex 25. 8-9**

**God gave detailed instructions on building the Tabernacle**

- **No one could see His face**
- **He would dwell in the Most High & Holy Place**
- **Only the High Priest could enter – once a year**

## **Sin must be atoned for    Leviticus**

- **Our sin nature keeps us separated from God**
- **Romans - “All have sinned...”**
  - Sin must be dealt with and atoned for**
- **The sacrificing of animals becomes institutionalized in the priestly sacrificial system so that sin could be constantly atoned**
- **The new nation needed sins covered so that God could live with them**
- **The rebellion of the golden calf, the intercession of Moses, and the gracious forgiveness of God made it possible for God to dwell with His people**

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**JESUS IS OUR GREAT HIGH PRIEST &  
INTERCESSOR**

**WE - OUR HEARTS - IS WHERE GOD DESIRES TO  
LIVE**

**JESUS MODELED HOW WERE ARE TO LIVE  
AND TREAT EACH OTHER**