

Chapter Three: The Dirt Road

Chapter Four: "If I Can Get You Convinced, I Can Get Them Convinced!"

Often times our decision to be *saved* is a result of our realization that we have not been able to keep each of the Ten Commandments -- a breaking of God's top ten rules given to Moses on stone tablets, foundational to our Christian faith.

The first four commandments are *vertical*, between God and man: (1) *you shall have no* other gods before me, (2) *you shall not make yourself an idol in the form of anything in* heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below, (3) *you shall not misuse the* name of the Lord your God, and (4) remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

The last six commandments are *horizontal*, between man and man: (5) *honor your father* and mother, (6) you shall not murder, (7) you shall not commit adultery, (8) you shall not steal, (9) you shall not give false testimony against your neighbor, and (10) you shall not covet your neighbor's house, wife, donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our hearts not only transgress against these commandments in the form of stone or sand, but we also attempt to restore ourselves in the same manner. Only a clay heart authentically keeps these commands and finds restoration, because a clay heart surrenders to the Restorer.

Navigating Restoration Road

How do you live in a way that your sand-hearted sins are covered by your stone-hearted acts?

Can you recall an alone moment with God when you were young? What was it? How did it change your perspective of life?

Were you ever in a situation as a child where the circumstances were beyond your control? If so, describe.



What was the first sin that you clearly remember as a child?

How did it make you feel?

What rules, regulations, and stipulations have you added to or subtracted from the Restorer's message of heart transformation?