Title: No More Idols
Text: Exodus 20:4-6

Target: If not careful, we will assume this is the commandment we struggle with the least. Today, we will discover that we actually struggle with this commandment the most.

I. This Commandment ___ prevents: “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.” (Vs. 4)

A. A Misunderstanding of God: “make for yourself”
   1. If a god has to be made it is not God.
   2. A “god” made for yourself, reveals the real god.

B. A Misrepresentation of God: “image” and “likeness” - God made us in His image, we are to not make a god in our image.
   1. Genesis 1:27: “So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.”
   2. Colossians 1:15: “He is the image of the invisible God.”
   3. Hebrews 1:3: “He is the radiance of the glory of God and exact imprint of his nature.”
   4. Luke 20:25: “Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”

II. This Commandment ___ protects: “You shall not bow down to them or serve them...” (Vs. 5)

A. Against Misplaced Worship: “bow down to them”
   1. Place of Affection: Heart
   2. Priority of Adoration: Soul
   3. Possesses Attention: Mind
   4. Persistent in Aspiration: Strength

B. Against Misguided Service: “serve them”
   1. For what you worship you will serve.
   2. If what you worship is not God, you will be enslaved.

Golden Triangle: Exodus 32:4-5, 1 John 2:15-17

III. This Commandment ___ provokes: “for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,” (5b)

A. A response of Clarification: “jealous GOD”
   1. I AM your Savior.
   2. I AM your Sustainer.
   3. I AM your Satisfaction.

B. A recourse of Corruption: “visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children”
   1. What you do is more caught than taught!
   2. What you pursue, you pattern!

IV. This Commandment ___ promises: “but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.” (Vs. 6)

A. A Love that is Loyal: “steadfast love”
B. A Legacy that is Lasting: “thousands”

Takeaway: Ask people you love and trust the following question: What seems to be the most important aspect of my life from your perspective?