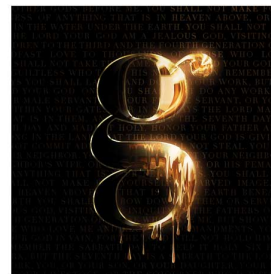


# You shall have no other gods before me

Just like the Israelites, there are lowercase-g gods all around us, influencing our priorities, our morality, even our eternity. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He wasn't just handing down a list of do's and don'ts, He was providing a plan to battle the lowercase-g gods in our lives.



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## INTRODUCTION

We are likely to worship other gods. Those “lower case g” gods influence our priorities, values, morality, and choices.

## STARTER QUESTION

Pastor Doug shared some crazy road signs with us, and he also shared that there are no signs on many of the roads in Argentina. What is the craziest road sign you have ever seen? Have you ever traveled to a place where there are no road signs?

## INTO THE WORD

After reading Exodus 20:1-21, why do you believe God commands us to have “no other gods” except for Him? Do you think we are “settling for less” when we have other gods? Why or why not?

Read Galatians 5:1 and Matthew 6:33. Discuss how these verses relate to this week’s sermon. Have you ever pursued something good, but for the wrong reasons? How do our priorities and concerns demonstrate our love for God?

Throughout the New Testament, we are told to feed the hungry and exercise wisdom in our finances and even enjoy life. Do these things contradict God’s command to have “no other gods” except for Him or align with them? Give some Scriptures to support your reasoning.

## APPLICATION

Pastor Doug shared that there were gods for fame, pleasure, comfort, fertility and power in the time of Moses. What types of gods did he mention that we see others following or worshiping today? What were some suggestions given to keep your focus on the One True God?

Pastor Doug mentioned these four reasons we might not live free even though God has set us free:

- Fear of the unknown
- Habits we don't want to give up
- Thinking slavery isn't really that bad
- Believing I can't change

What is your biggest challenge to living free? What can you do today to love the one true God the way that He loves you?

## PRAYER

Lord, help me to love You and You alone. Keep my focus on You and keep my heart from other gods. Let the words of David in Psalm 34:4 be my comfort this week “I sought the Lord, and he answered me: he delivered me from all my fears.” Amen.