

# SERMON

---

On the

---

# MOUNT

JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER BEFORE  
CONDUCT

JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER AND  
CONDUCT

JESUS CONSIDERS  
CHARACTER CAUSING  
CONDUCT



# Our Study So Far

## 1) Introduction

- It is a sermon
- Pointed to the disciples for a commitment

## 2) Beatitudes

- Characteristics of the title of disciple - Citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven
- Not one of these characteristics are natural human tendencies.

## 3) You are salt and light

- We are to live differently than the non-disciple.
- The world needs us or there will be no salt no light

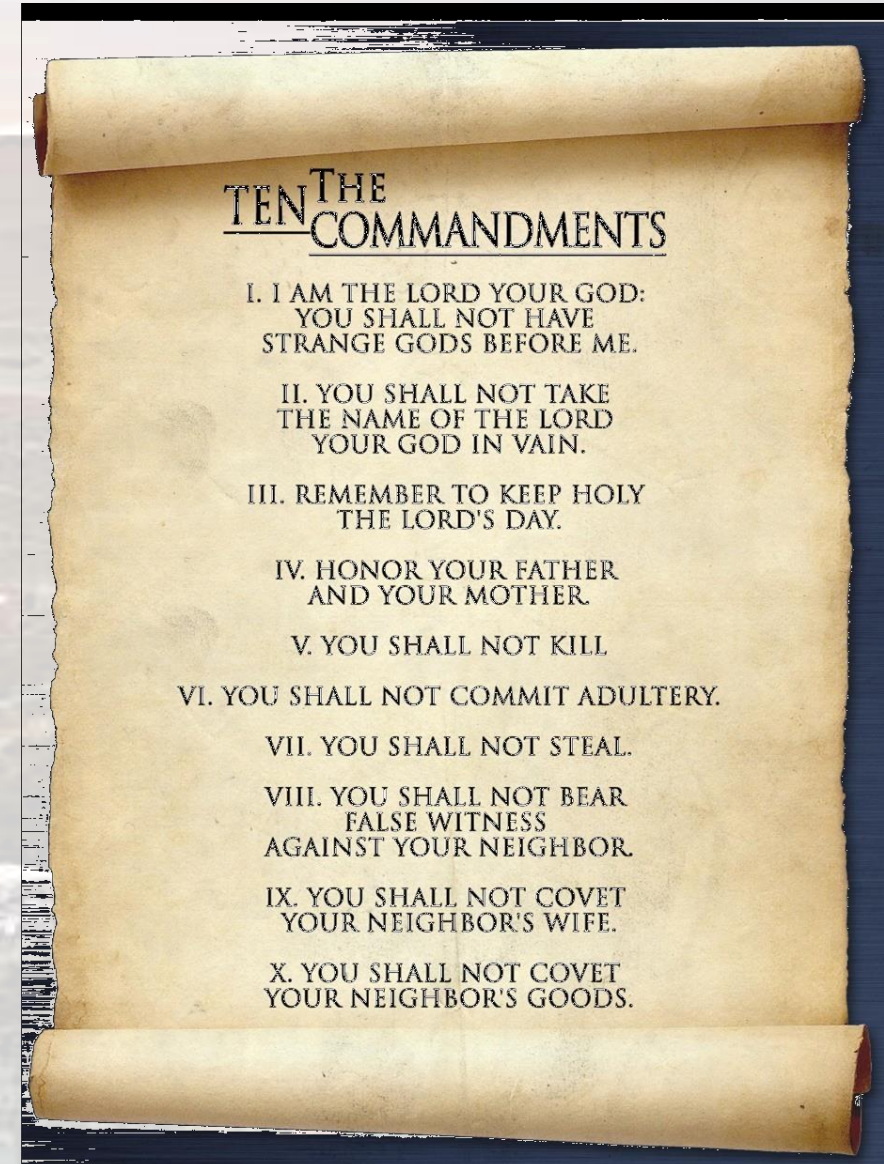
## 4) Righteousness is the key to the Kingdom

## 5) Our heart is the fountain of our actions P.I.N.O.G.A.M

A logical progression  
from one point to the  
next



- Ten Commandments
- 2 different divisions





What was  
God's intent  
when He  
gave the law  
to Moses?



# The Intent of the 10 Commandments

- Covenant
- Standard
- Reminder



# Covenant

- Physical representation of agreement
- Two sides
  - This is my set of requirements
  - You will follow them
- There is no mention of what happens if one side defaults.
- The Hebrews would be the people of God
- They were to be different from other people



# Standard

- Essential conduct for the nation
- One of the reasons they were different
- Started with the 10 commandments
  - The constitution
- Additional laws as set by Moses.
  - The Pentateuch, first five books of the OLD TESTAMENT
  - The laws of the covenant.
  - The laws of redemption – sacrificial system



# Reminder

- It was constant reminder of the high standards of God
- It was a reminder of the need for Grace and Mercy

Do you really think God expected the entire Hebrew nation to keep every law to the end degree?






**P.I.N.O.G.A.M. =**  
***Person In Need Of***  
***Grace And Mercy***



## MATTHEW 5:27-30

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.





How many half blind  
one handed men are  
here today?



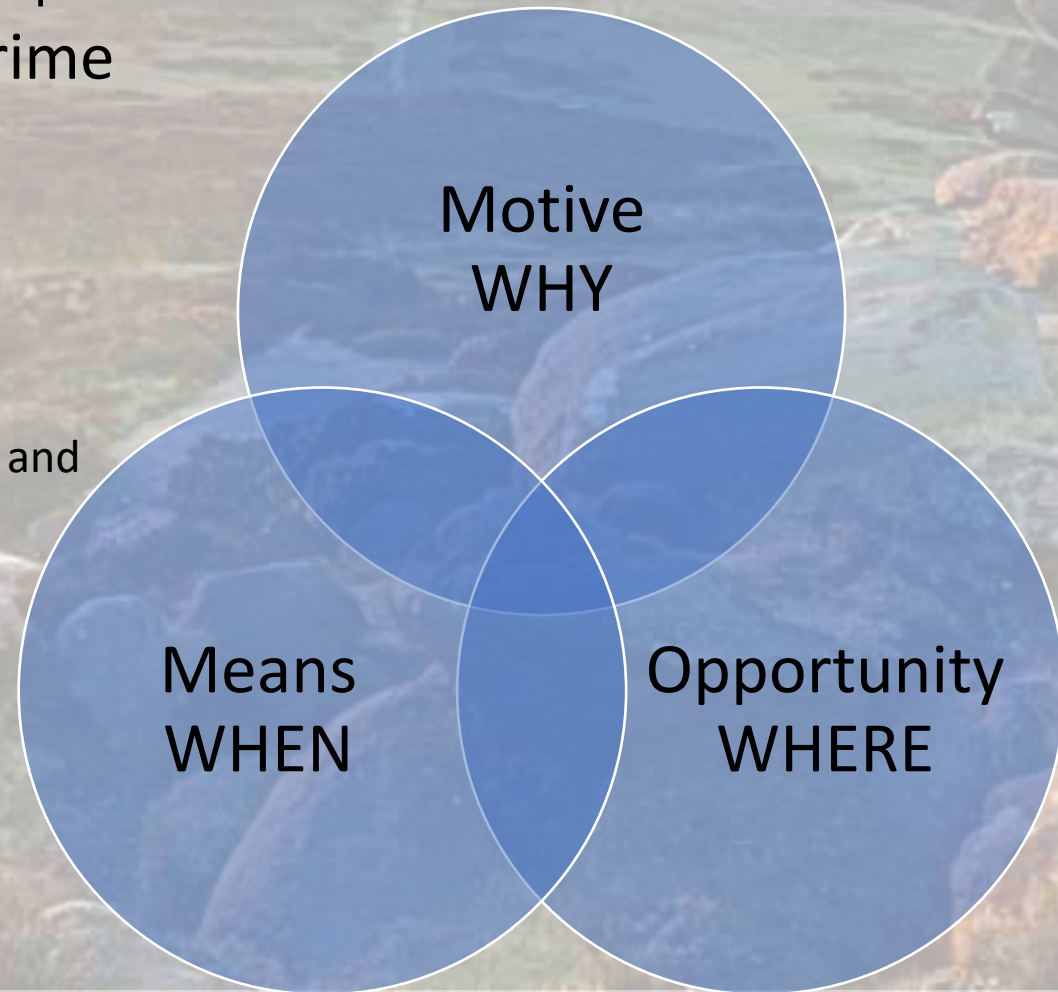
# Is any temptation sin?

- Sin
  - Sin is an act of the will.
  - Sin is a choice.
  - Every sinful act starts in the heart
- Temptation
  - Happens to everyone.
  - No one is immune
  - Cannot choose to not have temptation
  - Our reaction to temptation is what is accountable

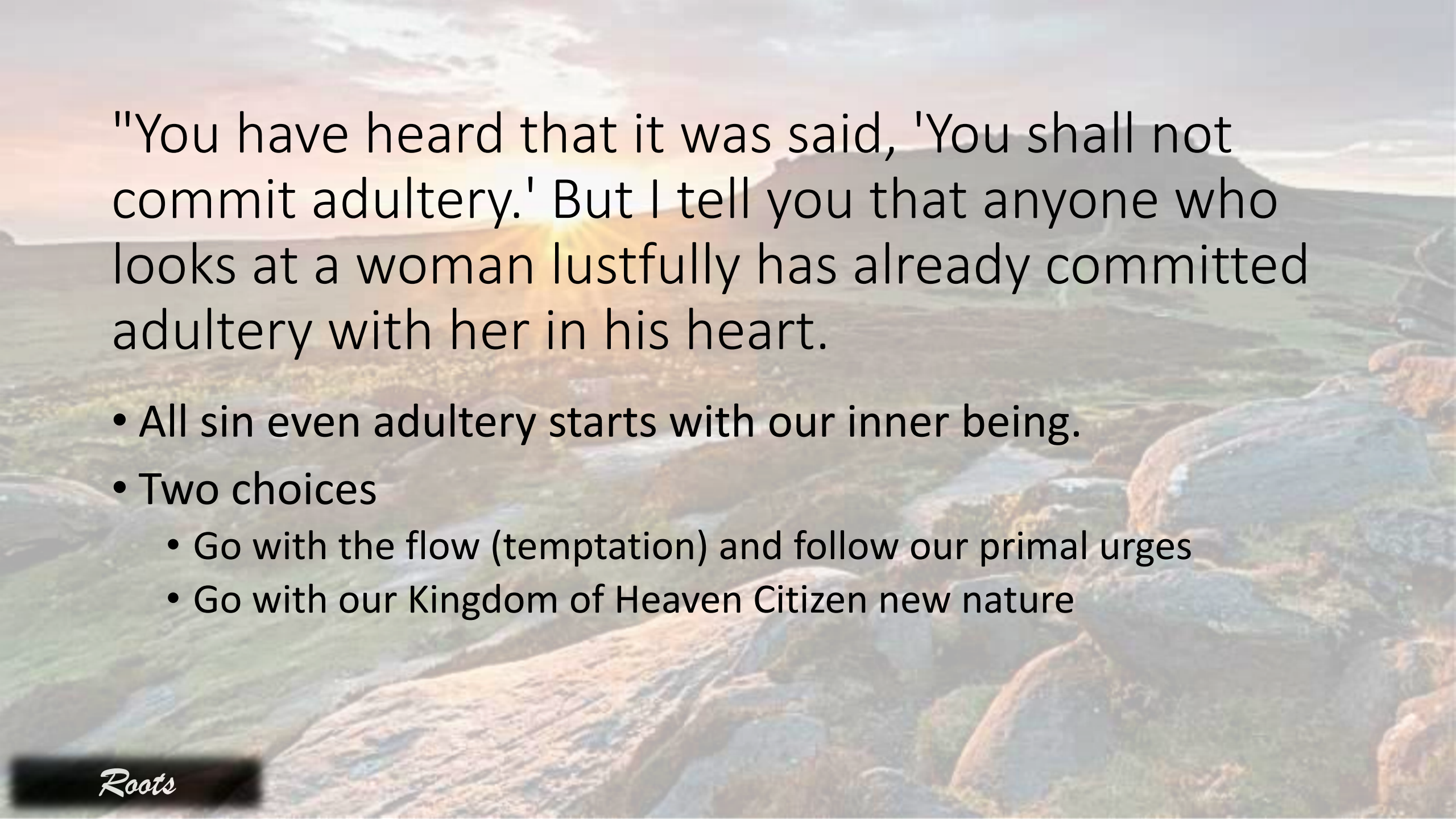


# Analogy: sin=crime

- Opportunity – the occasion of the crime
  - An action at a specific time
  - Can't do two things at the same time in different places
- Means – the method and ability to do the crime
  - You have to have the ability
  - Understand the Crime
  - Acceptance of the consequences
- Motive – the reason for the crime
  - Pharisee did not matter
    - Assumption a primal instinct when given opportunity and means
    - All extrinsic – outside forces
  - Motive is the why







"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

- All sin even adultery starts with our inner being.
- Two choices
  - Go with the flow (temptation) and follow our primal urges
  - Go with our Kingdom of Heaven Citizen new nature





Back to self mutilation

- Is this literal requirement?
- What good is self mutilation if Sin is primarily about motive?



# Conclusion

1. You can live your life and not DO anything wrong and still be sinful
2. What we do with temptation has eternal affect.
3. Citizenship must be more important than all other things.
4. Sin always starts with tolerance.
5. Kingdom of Heaven Citizens must not lust
6. Jesus came for redemption



A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a valley. In the foreground, there are large, rounded rocks. The background shows a range of hills or mountains under a sky with soft, wispy clouds.

# Prayer Requests





Next week

- Read Matthew 5:31,32 as part of your devotions.
- Why is divorce a spiritual problem?
- Please continue to pray for our church leadership.