

“Just the Way You Are”

Exodus 20:4-6

What Does the 2nd Commandment Mean. . .

We are forbidden from worshiping the true God **falsely**.

- To avoid false worship, we should not **craft** any image of God.
- To avoid false worship, we should not **worship** any image.

Why Does the 2nd Commandment Matter. . .

- As a **jealous** God He demands **loyalty**.
 - As a **just** God he will **punish** those who hate Him.
 - As a **gracious** God He will **bles**s those who love Him.
- Images **mislea**d us about the nature of God.
 - No **assembly** required.
 - Images communicate we **create** God.
 - Reality is He **made** us.
 - No **strings** on me.
 - Images communicate we **control** God.
 - Reality is He **owns** us.

- Seeing is not **believing**.
 - Images communicate **visual** is key to knowing God.
 - Reality is He **speaks** to us.

How Can We Keep the 2nd Commandment. . .

- **Rein** in our disordered imagination.
- **Worship** God as He instructed.
- **Ponder** how Jesus transforms this commandment. . .
 - Through His **teaching**.
 - All **humans** bear the image of God.
 - Through His **fulfillment**.
 - Jesus is the **perfect** image of God.
 - Through His **work**.
 - Jesus is **conforming** us into the perfect image of God.

