God led us to study 10 Commandments, and how APPLY! <u>(summarize)</u>
1st Commandment in <u>Exodus 20:3</u>, "You will have no other gods before Me."
Means God first, not other things first...

2nd commandment <u>Exodus. 20:4</u> "You shall not make for yourselves any idol." Remember "idol" worship is ignoring God, loving other things first. Both 1st and 2nd Commandment talk about idolatry. What to do?

(1) Recognize/admit our sin and repent of it. (2) Return to God/Worship Him. 3rd commandment – Exodus 20:7 "You must not use the name of the LORD your God thoughtlessly; the LORD will punish anyone who misuses his name." His name holy, powerful, no swearing (insults), take advantage 4th commandment - Ex. 20:8 Remember to keep the Sabbath holy. REST!

4 commandments - our relationship with God. Next 6 - relationship people!

Now 5th commandment Ex. 20:12 "Honor your father and mother." PRAYER

Now 10 Commandments and time of Moses. Want to go back to when Moses was baby - who was Moses' mother? Summarize Exodus 2:1-10; 6:20

Bkgd - Amram & <u>Jochebed</u> (both from tribe of Levi) had 2 children – she was pregnant with 3rd baby. Egypt's king (Pharoah) saw all Israelites growing in number and tooo strong. Felt threatened - orders to kill all baby boys; mother stuck, born fine baby boy, hides him 3 months, then made basket; float on Nile river; sister Miriam watches; Pharoah's daughter finds him (king's grandson); Miriam asks to find Israelite mom; Moses' own! Pays her!

Moses - man of God, but many lessons learned from mom Jochebed...

- 1) Few women had worse circumstances. The fact that Moses, Miriam, and Aaron could come from slave hut on the Nile shows Jochebed's influence. Hebrews 11:23 links the faith of Moses to the faith of his mother and father: "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." Jochebed believed that God is greater than Pharaoh, that Satan could not win. We can thank God that she did...
- 2) Jochebed hid baby Moses for 3 mos. Maybe Jochebed/Amram struggled how to save their baby, then remembered Noah's ark. So took a tiny basket, covered it with tar, put baby Moses in basket (ark), put him in Nile waters.
- 3) God had a plan not just "happened" the Pharoah's daughter (princess) was there. When she saw the basket and sent her slave girl to get it not just "happen" baby Moses cried. Her heart touched with compassion, I'll take him home and raise him as my own son. Not just "happened" his sister Miriam was watching and said, "do you need someone to breast feed the baby?" Not just "happened" she said, yes find a Hebrew slave to nurse the child and I will <u>pay</u> her"!!

4) Jochebed raised her own son – that time many Jewish slaves raising other kids kept them 5-7 years. Movie "Ten Commandments" - Charlton Heston not knowing he was Hebrew. Most people think made-up movie was wrong. Jochebed probably taught him about Hebrew heritage – later Moses wrote first 5 books of Bible! Jochebed probably taught him about creation, Cain/Abel, Noah/flood, Abraham, Isaac, Joseph...all the way to Egypt. When Pharoah's daughter ordered, "bring Moses" – mom said REMEMBER!! So Jochebed gave up Moses TWICE -- baby 3 mos; about 7 years old

Back to the 5th Commandment – "Honor your father and your mother." Not say "obey your father and mother" – it says to HONOR – that means to obey with respect and love, not an attitude of just must obey...

Full verse – <u>Ex 20:12</u> "Honor your father and your mother (2x OT; 6x NT) So that you will live long time in land that the LORD your God will give you." Commandment with a promise!! God cherishes you – learn it! <u>Psalms 119:15</u> - "I will study Your commandments and reflect on Your ways" Married leave; still don't neglect elderly parents (God's wisdom); 1 Tim 5:2-3

Long ago, baby was found dead in a recycling center in TX. So "Baby Moses law" ("Safe Haven law") started here in Texas. Moms in terrible situation have right to leave baby (under 60 days old), at any hospital, fire station, EMS place, or emergency clinic. Signed law in 1999. Now all states copied-same law. Why called "Baby Moses Law"? Same as Moses' mom...

Mothers – some good, some in hard situations, various...not all same. Want to show video "We See You" made by Grace Church, PA in 2017.

Closing prayer about the mom warriors, and to honor your parents.