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‘Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.’

Matthew 22:36-40



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“Through the ten plagues, God got his people out of slavery.
Through the ten commandments, God got slavery out of his people.”

Brian McLaren



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So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'An idol is nothing at all in the world' and that 'There is no God but one.' For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many 'gods' and many 'lords'), yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

1 Corinthians 8:4-6



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God calls us to exclusive commitment.



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Exclusive commitment:



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Exclusive commitment:

The words of Jesus and the response of the disciples.

God's call in the Old Testament and the response.

Paul's theological writings.