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- _____ are often the centerpiece in religious life.
 - Obedience determines whether you are _____
1. _____ always assume a _____.
 - _____ Model
 - _____ Model
 2. God fulfilled his _____ to Abraham
 3. God begins by announcing his _____ not his _____.

¹ Then God gave the people all these instructions: ²“I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. **Exodus 20:1-2 (NLT)**

_____ me.

Commandment #1

“You must not have any other god but me. **Exodus 20:3 (NLT)**

- The Ten Commandments were _____ of - not a _____ of - Israel’s relationship with God

4. The story of the Ten Commandments.
 - With God, _____ precedes _____
 - The relationship was _____ by an act of _____

So, what’s the role of rules?

- The role of rules: Rules are _____ of - not a _____ of - a relationship with God.
- God made Abraham and Israel a promise that was intended for _____ mankind.
 - “For Abraham will certainly become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. **Genesis 18:18 (NLT)**
 - He says, “You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” **Isaiah 49:6 (NLT)**
 - But to all who **believed** him and accepted him, he gave the right to become **children** of God. **John 1:12 (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize John 1:12
- Be thankful for the relationship that I have with God and to see the rules he gives as a sign of his love for me.
- Admit that as a rule breaker I’ve believed that I would never be good enough for God. Pray that I’ll let go of that false belief and be open to a relationship based on his love for me.
- Stop trying to behave my way into a relationship with God and thankfully walk through the door of faith, receiving Jesus as my Savior and Lord.