

# Dig-A-Little-Deeper

## The Amazing RACE

*"Whose Law is it Anyway?"*

- Monday** The One-Year Bible took us to Exodus 18:1-27 this last week and we met Moses' father-in-law. There is great wisdom in this visit and an obvious care of a fatherly figure for his son-in-law. What a great lesson in unconditional love. Furthermore, the advice was awesome! You don't have to do everything yourself – gather around you friends who are stronger than you in some things and lean on their counsel, letting them have some control. Good advice for a friend, employer, ministry, or family.
- Tuesday** In Exodus 20, God gave the Ten Commandments. These were the general rules to guide people towards a good and full life. Review them and note how practical and simple they are. Ask God to burn these on your heart and give you a passion to live by them. Which one do you have the most difficulty with?
- Wednesday** God seems to get really picky in Exodus 21. Why does He create a ton of guidelines? He was doing good with the general rules – why get so picky? Put yourself in His and the Israelite's shoes. These are not just rules; they are a survival manual for a trek through the desert into an unknown land and for living as a couple million strong in a small area. Think of these passages as God revealing his parental love by helping an ignorant people who have never before been in a survival situation. God is setting boundaries of protection. Ask Him what boundaries He has set for you, out of love, to protect you.
- Thursday** Exodus 23 is a celebration. God is giving the people of Israel an excuse to party – three parties, as a matter of fact. Why would God tell them to do this? First, some of us need to be reminded to celebrate because if we don't put it on our calendar, we live lives of drudgery. Second, these parties bring people together to look out for one another and to remind them of how great God is in His provision! A real party is not one where only I have fun, but where I seek to help others celebrate – me, you, and God!
- Friday** Exodus 26 is a full description of how to build a portable church. Now this passage, for a guy like me, seems a bit mundane. I like the thunder and lightening special effects of the Ten Commandments. That's not this chapter. This is an engineer's chapter, full of detail and precise measurement. But it's also an artist's chapter, full of color, costuming and staged presentation. But what can anyone get out of this chapter in 2008? Step back and take in the scene. Read this passage and then try to imagine what you have just read with its intricacy, color, precision and gold. Note the excellence that God requires. He loves for us to use our gifts to our precise best efforts!

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