

**DO NOT TAKE THE LORD'S
NAME IN VAIN**

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LIVE WELL

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO LIFE

KEY SCRIPTURE

DEUTERONOMY 4:40

If you obey all the laws and commands that I will give you today, all will be well for you and your children.

EXODUS 20:7

"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not let you go unpunished if you take his name in vain."

MATTHEW 5:37

"Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Your word is enough. To strengthen your promise with a vow shows that something is wrong."

LUKE 6:46

Jesus says, "So what if you call me, 'Lord' when you won't obey me."

ACTS 4:12

"There is no other name in all of heaven for people to call on to save them."

ROMANS 10:13

"Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

PROVERBS 18:10

The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the godly run to him and they are safe.

JOHN 14:14

Jesus says, "Yes, ask anything in my name, and I will do it."

PHILIPPIANS 2:9

God raised Jesus up to the heights of heaven and gave him a name that is above every other name.

NOTES



DISCUSSION GUIDE

What exactly does it mean to not take the Lord's name in vain? In the Old Testament, God's personal name was Yahweh. It was so sacred that most Jews wouldn't even say it out loud. In today's culture, people use God's name in flippant ways without thinking twice about it. But God has called us to use his name to bring glory and honor to him.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In the past, what has this commandment meant to you? Was it one you were more likely to skip over or was it one you always followed? How has your perspective changed?
2. When you hear someone use the Lord's name in vain, are you indifferent toward it or is it something that has always bothered you? Why?
3. Jason talked about three concrete ways that we use God's name in vain: by using it as a swear word, when we use it flippantly, and when we don't call upon the name of the Lord. Which one of these do you struggle with the most? Share this with someone and ask them to hold you accountable.
4. Read **Acts 4:12**, **Romans 10:13**, **Proverbs 18:10**, and **John 14:14**. What circumstances in your life right now should you be calling out to God for help instead of talking with someone else?

CHALLENGE

Commit to not using God's name in vain anymore. Instead, think of ways that you can call upon the name of the Lord. He is waiting for us with open arms.

COMMIT TO MEMORY

You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name. **Exodus 20:7**