

# GUARDRAILS

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& My Life”

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God’s character associated with His name

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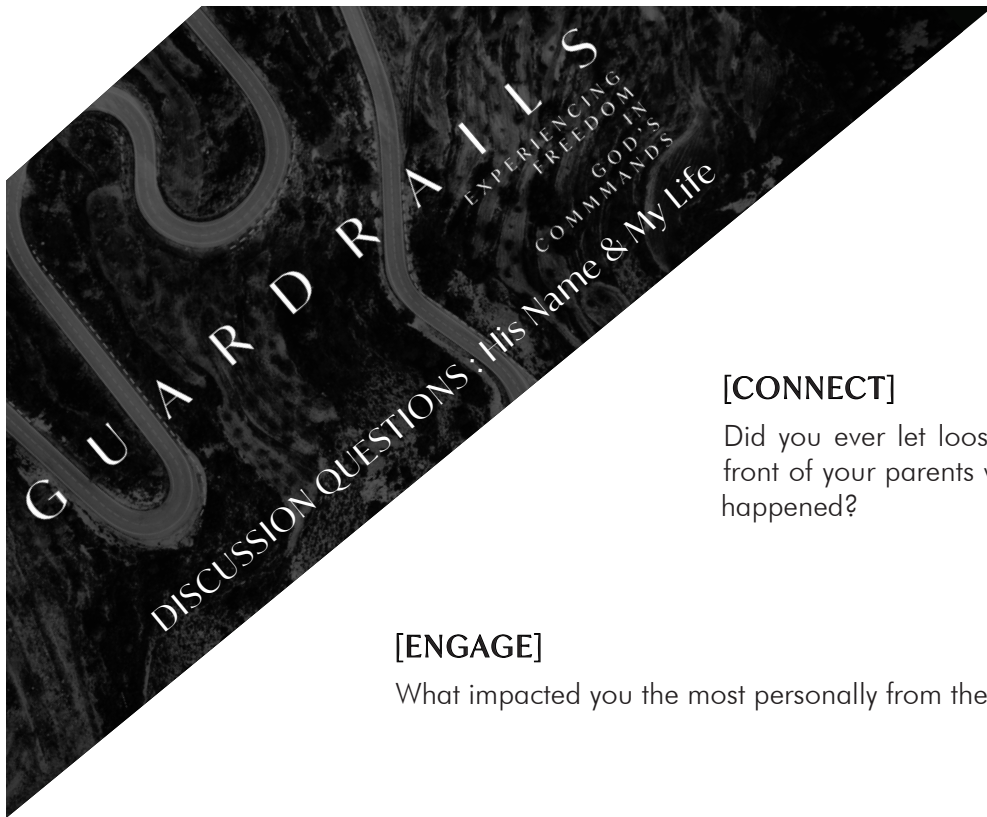
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### [CONNECT]

Did you ever let loose with a cuss word or profanity in front of your parents when you were growing up? What happened?

### [ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

### [GROW]

If someone said to you that they had obeyed the 10 Commandments... so they were "good" and had earned God's favor. What would you say to that?

How would you define "do not take the name of the Lord in vain"? After defining it, re-read the passage from Exodus 20:7. Does it make any difference to you that this commandment doesn't mention anything about words or what we say?

The first part of this commandment is about God's name. What are some of the names of God... or characteristics of God that you know from the Bible. (i.e. God our provider, All powerful; Mighty; etc.)

If "vain" means "worthless, pointless, purposeless, powerless." What is God telling us about taking His name and character this way?

Read Matthew 15:1-9. Especially focus in on verses 8-9. What is Jesus telling us about how we speak and act and worship and live?

### [LEAD (Yourself)]

Identify one area in you that is inconsistent with what you believe? Take that area to the Lord and surrender that to Him this week.