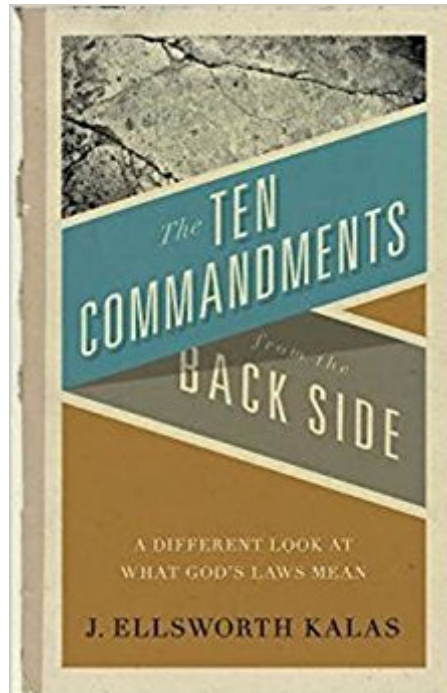




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# **The Ten Commandments From The Back Side: Bible Stories With A Twist**



## Synopsis

While the Ten Commandments are known throughout the world, it's not often that we are offered a fresh take on them. Popular and beloved author J. Ellsworth Kalas approaches the Ten Commandments through the "back side"--through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor character. Kalas explores how these "prohibitive" laws actually are our dear friends, intended to make life richer and more fulfilling. He uses contemporary illustrations and personal experience to show how these timeless laws give us an appetite for divine excellence.

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J. Ellsworth Kalas (1923-2015) was the author of over 35 books, including the popular Back Side series, *A Faith of Her Own: Women of the Old Testament*, *Strong Was Her Faith: Women of the New Testament*, *I Bought a House on Gratitude Street*, and the *Christian Believer* study, and was a presenter on DISCIPLE videos. He was part of the faculty of Asbury Theological Seminary since 1993, formerly serving as president and then as senior professor of homiletics. He was a United Methodist pastor for 38 years and also served five years in evangelism with the World Methodist Council.

As usual, Dr. Kalas has keen insight into the Scripture and helps us to understand how to apply it to our lives today. I am using it as research for a sermon series on the Ten Commandments. I found the book to be valuable as I have focused on leading the congregation to see how the Ten Commandment are not restrictions that limit us as humans, Instead, the commandments are meant

to show us the way to flourish as individuals and as a community. I would recommend any book by Ellsworth Kalas.

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Kalas does a good job interpreting the Ten Commandments for today. Although I would have taken the interpretation of some of the commandments in a different direction, his are well thought-out and perceptive. The questions in the back are good aids in leading a Bible Study, which is how I am currently using the book with about 40 people. They seem to enjoy it and gain from it as well. Of all the books I have read on the Ten Commandments, this one is the best choice for use with a group of mainline Christians in a study group in my opinion.

I ordered this book because my ladies' study group at church is concentrating on it this quarter. So far, we are all in agreement that it is a fantastic study, giving us a deeper insight into the iconic Commandments. I am well pleased!!!

An excellent study, as are all of the "backside" books by this author.

We have used this book in our Sunday school class as a text for our regular meetings. Dr. Kalas, as usual, makes for lively discussion. We always run out of time.

We used this book as the basis for a six week Bible Study and it is amazing what can come out of a study of something as simple as ten commandments. Very instructive.

I have read several of these "from the Back Side books

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