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Sermon Outline

“You Shall Not Bear False Witness”  
*Deuteronomy 5:20*

1. The intention of the commandment
   * Our God, who does not lie, intends to form a truth-telling community.
2. The meaning of the commandment
   * Negatively: The command rejects all forms of lying, deceit, slander, gossip, and destructive words.
   * Positively: The command promotes integrity, transparency, and honesty as essential ingredients of biblical community.
   * Broadly: All sin breaks the ninth commandment since all sin rejects truth, behaves according to lies, and often seeks to hide and cover up sinful behavior.
3. The hope for forgiveness and formation
   * Convicted on false charges, the Truth died on the cross to set liars and hiders free.
   * Empowered by the Spirit, believers are to prize and promote all that is true.