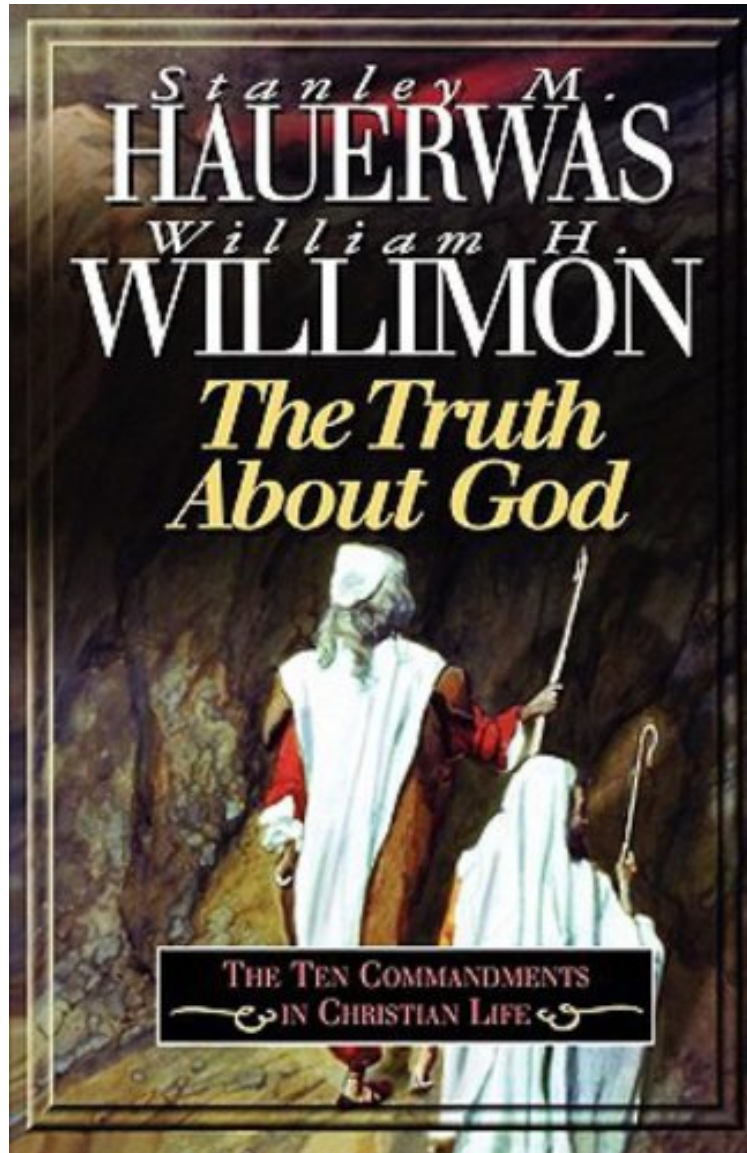


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**Von William H. Willimon, Stanley Hauerwas : The Truth About God: The Ten Commandments in Christian Life** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Truth About God: The Ten Commandments in Christian Life:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Counter Cultural 10 Commandments Von Jeffrey Sykes The Ten Commandments that a judge from Alabama fought to hang on the wall were not the commandments of God that Christians serve. Those same commandments are not a

general call for morality that can save the pluralistic society of the United States of America. According to the authors, these commandments must be understood within the context of the Christian community. This work declares the Ten Commandments to be the way that the worshiping church relates to God and each other. Hauerwas and Willimon seek to explain the commandments from that context so that they may be known "perfectly." Only the worshiping church is able to understand the Ten Commandments. They are not, as explained by the authors, "timeless ethical principles that are applicable to all Americans." This work reclaims another part of the church's heritage necessary for life as resident aliens. Clearly, Hauerwas and Willimon are working within and driving the trend toward understanding the church as a community. Their attack on American individualism serves to push the church to understanding itself as a holy people. These holy people are the possession of the "God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the God of Jesus Christ." The Truth about God is a striking look at the Ten Commandments. This work exposes the ways that our society is so sinful that the institution of the Church is the only hope for Christians to survive and obey God. Only within this context are the people of God able to truly obey his words to us. Despite the informal tone of some sections of the book, it strikes deeply in exposing our sinfulness and the churches need for grace. Hauerwas and Willimon teach at Duke University in Durham North Carolina. Hauerwas serves as the professor of Theological Ethics, and Willimon serves as the Dean of the Chapel and professor of Christian Ministry.

Kurzbeschreibung Two popular authors consider not only what the Ten Commandments say about the people who observe them, but what they say about God. They are not some set of universal rules—they simply offer ways for a certain people to know a certain God—our God. What truths about God can be known through the Ten Commandments? God cares how we treat other people. God cares how we behave in marriage. God cares about the importance of being truthful. God wants people to take a day off from work each week. Readers will encounter Willimon and Hauerwas at their best as they explore the overarching question—What does it mean for people and the way they behave when they know some of these truths about God?

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