**Ten Commandments Series August 1, 2021**

*The Sixth Commandment*

Exodus 20:13
You shall not murder.

Murder

* The crime of **unlawfully killing** a person especially with malice (Webster)
* Putting to death improperly, **for selfish reasons**

Murder vs. unintentional death (Numbers 35)

* If the killer used a bludgeon (iron, stone, or wood), it is an indication of **intent** and is therefore judged to be murder
* If the killer acted in hatred, (v. 20a)
if the killer lay in wait, or (v. 20b)
if the killer acted in enmity (hostility) (v. 21)
then the killer is **guilty of murder.**

Why is murder a sin?

* Genesis 9:6
Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

Sanctity of Life

* God is the author and **giver of all life**
	+ Every person is created in God’s image
	+ Every person was conceived is from God
* Every child in the womb is there by God’s design and plan
	+ All life is to be carefully guarded
* All life is precious to God
	+ Life in the womb
	+ Lives of children
	+ Lives of adults
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	+ Lives of the infirm

Does the 6th commandment prohibit me from protecting my family / church family?

* There is evil in our world and people who maliciously **intend to harm others**
	+ We must be alert to these evil doers and be committed to safeguard all life because it is sacred

What if I’ve killed someone in war?

* This is not violating the sixth commandment, according to Paul
* It is the taking of life as authorized by the **ruling government**

What does Jesus say about murder?

* Unresolved anger must be confessed and addressed directly with the person involved
	+ Anything less is **sin that will be judged**

**What does this mean for me?**

* All life is sacred and honored
	+ Express dignity, honor, love, and support for those nearing the end of life
	+ **Stand opposed** to euthanasia or physician assisted suicide
	+ Support young, unwed mothers in the decision to carry their babies to full term
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	+ National Suicide Prevention 800-273-TALK ([www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/))
* Repent of anger, hatred, and malice toward any one person, ethnicity, or nationality
	+ **Cultivate love** in place of these emotions
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