



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The Ten Commandments, How Free People Live – Do Not Murder

Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: Exodus 20:13

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Sermon Outline:

1. One of the marks of our fallen world is that we kill.
2. The first manifestation of sin outside of the garden is murder between brothers, Cain and Abel.
3. Free people exist to protect and cultivate life.
4. Even if you do not break the ten commandments, you may still be living in bondage. We are to live into the positive reality of the commandments.
5. Israelites lived for 400 years in Egypt as slaves marked by the violence and the viewpoint of a culture that did not value human life. God frees the Israelites and gives them a new perspective through the sixth commandment, “You shall not murder.”
6. God is grieved by any act of murder. It does not matter if it was intentional, unintentional, premeditated, spontaneous, etc.
7. We are to be a people that brings forth life, not destroy it. We are to be a pro-life people.
8. We grieve when life is lost. *Proverbs 24:17*
9. We must address the murder that is in our own hearts. *Matthew 5:21-22*
10. We follow the One who has conquered death.
11. Jesus forgave murderers even as He was being murdered on the cross. The gift of God’s grace forgives our sin and sets our hearts free to be a people who are called to bring forth life.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Rich Villodas continues the series on the Ten commandments. This week we explore the sixth commandment and the reality of what it means to live as a free people who do not murder.

Sermon Questions:

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- What connections do you see between the culture of ancient Egypt and their viewpoint that a human life is easily expendable and today’s culture?
- What messages did you receive about keeping the ten commandments from your family? How may God be challenging your viewpoint of what it means to keep the ten commandments and the sixth one in particular?
- How do you hear the call that we are to be a people that brings forth life?
- We are called to be a pro-life people. We are challenged to broaden our definition of what it means to be pro-life, that it extends beyond one’s stance on abortion. What are your thoughts on these statements? What do you find most challenging about being pro-life?
- In Matthew 5:21-22 Jesus also challenges us by telling us that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Deep-seated anger and grudges that we hold against our neighbor is also murder. How do you respond to this? What is one step you can take to letting go of grudges and anger that you may be carrying?
- Where do you sense God wants to set you free to protect and cultivate life?
- What does it mean for you to live out the positive reality of the 6th Commandment, “You shall not murder?”