

WORD #6: How to be truly pro-life (Exod. 20:13; Matt. 5:21-26)

True crime

What's the *difference* between me & them?

Why did God even bother saying the 6th Word?

What is actually being prohibited here?

- “kill” (KJV)? But...

- “murder” (NIV)?

See ESV footnote (cf. Deut. 19:4-5, 22:8)

Its deeper concern: *any blameworthy disregard for human life*

Why does God care enough to issue such a command?

1. Because human life is deeply sacred

Genesis 9:5-6

Weird? Exodus 21:28...

The penalty is really about...

For God has made humankind *in his image*

Is a human life really worth everything?

Numbers 35:31

No ransom, because human life is p_____

Underlines all our social ethics

2. Because murderous roots are deeply hidden

How Jesus reads the 6th commandment

Our murderous roots

- Anger – hot and cold
- Contempt
- “You fool!”

Not so different after all – check out the family album!

Thank God **his divine mercy runs deeper than our murderous hearts**

Ten Words to live by

What God should have done and What God does

We should be the most pro-life people (eg. Rom. 13:8-10)