

“STRONG FAMILIES: LET THERE BE LIFE”

Introduction: THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

Exodus 20:13 NIV) [GOD] “You shall not murder.”

Martin Luther: What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

THREE THINGS THIS COMMAND DOES NOT MEAN:

1. IT IS NOT PROHIBITING _____.

Genesis 9:3 (NIV) “Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.”

- God commanded that animals be _____.

2. IT IS NOT PROHIBITING _____.

Leviticus 24:17-18 (TEV) “Anyone who commits murder shall be put to death... the principle is a life for a life.”

- To maintain order God gave this authority to _____

Romans 13:4 (JB) “The government is there to serve God for your benefit... they carry out God’s revenge by punishing wrongdoers.”

- Wendell Holmes: Justice postponed is justice _____.

3. IT IS NOT PROHIBITING _____.

Ecclesiastes 3:8 (NIV) “There is a time for war.”

- All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do _____.
- Most violent crimes today occur between _____.

THREE WAYS THIS COMMAND APPLIES TO FAMILY

1. GOD SAYS NO TO _____.

Romans 14:7 (LB) “We are not our own bosses to live and die as we ourselves might choose.”

- Suicide is Number Two killer among _____.

Job 14:5 (TEV) “The length of a man’s life is decided beforehand – the number of months he will live. You (God) have settled it...”

Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT) “Long ago the Lord said to Israel: ‘I have loved you, My people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to Myself.’”

- God can help you out of your _____.

2. GOD SAYS NO TO _____

Job 12:10 (TEV) “It is God who directs the lives of His creatures; everyman’s life is in His power.”

- Euthanasia is _____ because of deformity, old age, and incurable disease.
- Euthanasia issues would legalize _____ putting people to death.

Proverbs 31:8 (NLT) “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed.”

- Years ago a guy thought he had the right to determine who should live: _____.

3. GOD SAYS NO TO _____.

Psalms 139: 13-16 (TEV) “You (God) created every part of me; You put me together in my mother’s womb.. When my bones were being formed... when I was growing there in secret, You knew I was there – You saw me before I was born. The days allotted to me were all recorded in Your book before any of them ever began.”

- Biblically there are no _____ pregnancies.
- _____ of all pregnancies in America are aborted.
- Every year _____ babies live after being aborted.
- _____ of abortions are because of _____.
- Chief argument: No child should be born _____.
- God: There are no unwanted children. That is why God allows the conceptions.

Jeremiah 1:5 (NLT) “I (God) knew you before I formed you in your mother’s womb. Before you were born I set you apart.”

- Every child deserves a _____.

CONCLUSION: The Good News of God’s Grace.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT) “You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good.”

- God is the only One who can bring _____ out of _____.