

Bible Study Discussion

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Exodus 20:13



Lesson 6: Matter of Life and Death

Memory Verses



You shall not murder.

Exodus 20:13



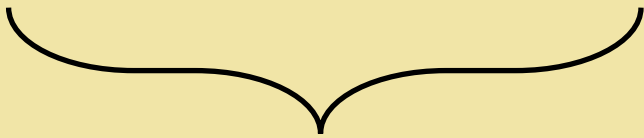
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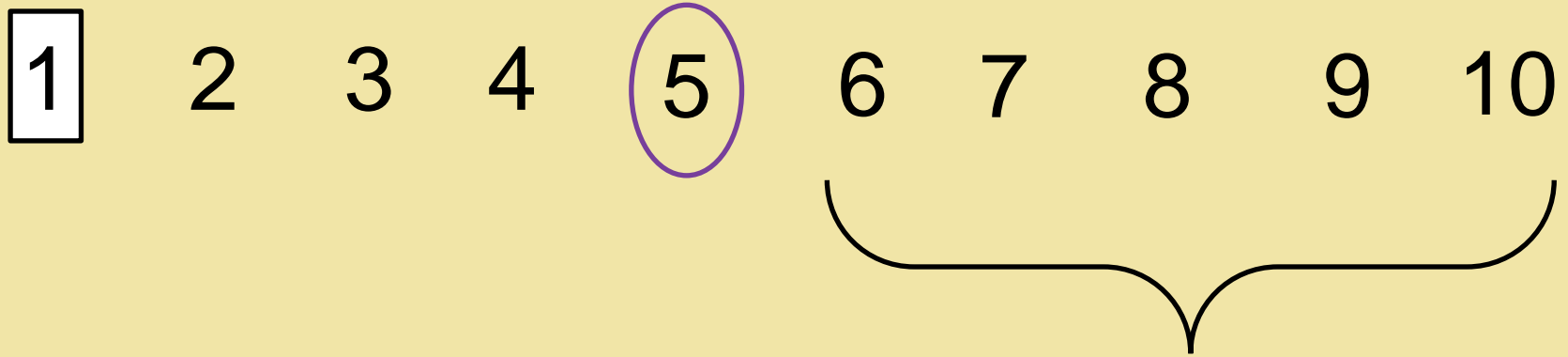
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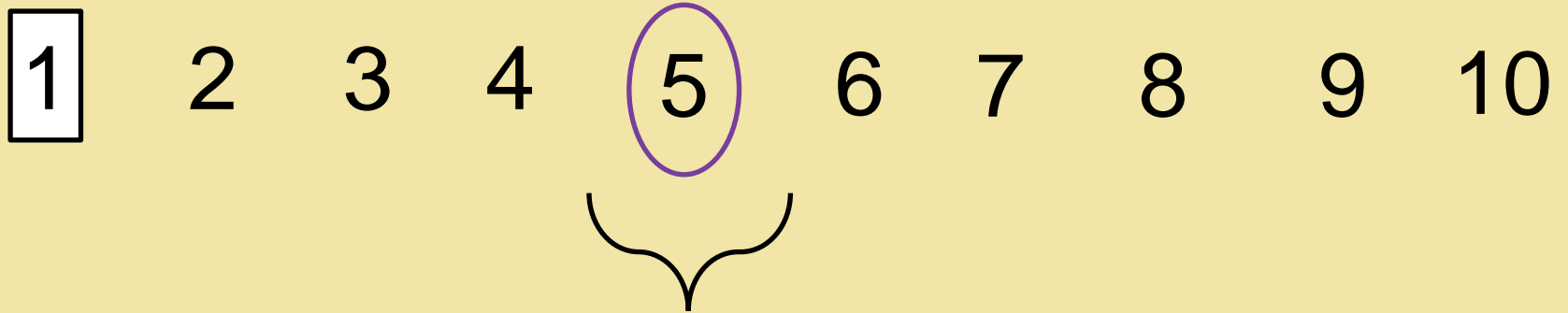
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- Theological Commandments
- Our relationship with God
- Without these a community will not survive for long.



- Social Commandments
- Our relationship with our neighbor
- If an individual breaks these commands, the community will continue to survive



- Bridge Commandment
- Our relationship with family

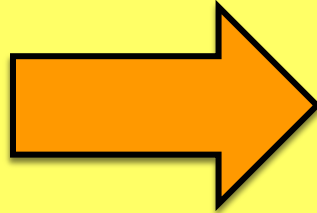
**Thou shalt
not kill.**



**You shall
not murder.**

Negative & Positive

**You shall
not
murder.**



**You shall
protect and
preserve life.**



**Starting
point!**

**You are to enhance and
enrich others' lives by
helping them
in any way possible.**

#6 rests on the principle that human life is holy or set apart.



- Human life is God's gift and God's prerogative alone.
- Human beings bear God's image. We honor God by respecting God's image in each other.



What is Murder?

Murder Is

- **Premeditated Malice***
- **Abortion**
- **Euthanasia**
- **Suicide**

Murder Is Not

- **Accidental Killing or Self-defense ***
- **Capital Punishment**
- **War**

Cities of Refuge

Six places of safety or protection for someone who accidentally or in self-defense killed someone.

See Joshua 20:7-9



I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

Psalms 91:2 NIV

Cities of Refuge

Kedesh
Golan
Ramoth
Bezar

Kiriath Arba/Hebron
Sechem



What do we know about murder?

1. We have been told not to do it.

- God has commanded us not to murder.
- God holds human life precious.
- We are to protect and preserve life.

What do we know about murder?

2. Murder can happen out of jealousy, hatred, passion, and anger. Enmity motivates violence.

- Identify the problem so we can deal with it. We must practice self-control, calm the anger, and deal with depression.
- We are to love.
- Avoid situations that lead to anger.
- *Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry.* Ephesians 4:26b

What do we know about murder?

3. We have the responsibility of seeing that no harm comes to another.

- *Love your neighbor as yourself.*
Luke 10:27b

What do we know about murder?

4. The source of murder can be a broken relationship with your neighbor.

- Reconcile and/or restore the relationship to one that is peaceful.
- Turn the other cheek. (Matthew 5:39)
Non-retaliation is NOT a *passive* response. It is an *aggressive* move to overcome evil with good.

“What If” Question #1

See Matthew 25:31-46

If you refuse to aid someone (such as not giving clothing or food to another) and that person dies as a results of your neglect, is it a case of murder?



“What If” Question #2

**Going back to the story of Ben and his job loss:
Although Ben didn’t take any steps toward killing
his former boss, did Ben commit murder?**



Memorizing the Ten Commandments



Learn "Ten Commandments" in 4 minutes, Remember
FOREVER

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3MZnOPmWVY>

Where has hatred or
anger been sneaking into
your life and what are you
going to do about it?



Applying the Lesson to Your Life



Closing Prayer