

# Honor Life

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, May 1, 2022; Exodus 20:13; Richie Pendred

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**Sermon Theme – The sixth commandment is not only a prohibition against physical offenses but also internal offenses from our hearts. However, the Lord Jesus fulfilled the command through His life and death that we might put to death murder by loving others without reservation or hesitation forever!**

## **I. Command Given – Read Exodus 20:13**

- A. What is the context surrounding Exodus 20:13? What stark contrast is made between Yahweh and Pharaoh regarding the sixth commandment?
- B. What is included within the sixth commandment?
- C. Why is murder so egregious to the Lord? What passages of Scripture support this reality?

## **II. Command Fulfilled – Read Genesis 4:1-16 and Matthew 5:21-22, 27:15-26**

- A. Read Genesis 4:1-16. What observations do you make about Cain's motivations for killing his brother? What is God's response to Cain's heinous offense?
- B. Read Matthew 5:21-22. According to the text, how does Jesus reshape our understanding of the sixth commandment?
- C. How prevalent is anger in your life? Are you prone to frustration with people or situations? How might you be indulging that anger in a way that tempts you to devalue the person who triggers it?
- D. In what ways does Jesus' death fulfill the sixth commandment in the place of sinners? How does Christ's substitutionary death on the cross free us to love others?

## **III. Command Applied – Read 1 John 3:11-18**

- A. Read 1 John 3:11-18. According to John, what is the difference between Cain and Christians? What is the proof that you are a believer?
- B. In verse 16, what is the prime example for Christians to love others? According to John, what does it look like to love others? What are some ways that you would like to excel still more in loving your brothers and sisters in the Lord without hesitation or reservation?
- C. What is your typical response to those who anger you at home and in the church? What is your heart response and your verbal response towards them? What life-giving response could you have instead the next time you react in anger?