

"The Law of Life from the Lord of Life" Exodus 20:13

LEARN

[Knowing God's Truth](#): God (37:17) A.W. Tozer once said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us" (*The Knowledge of the Holy*). We must form our thoughts about the God of the universe on the basis of Scripture because he is the God who created us and made himself known in Scripture. What we think and believe about this eternal being is the most important thing about us! Supplemental books/workbooks can be purchased [here](#)

Video: ["God at Work: Tanya Flores"](#) (4:25)

["Embrace Grace: Sierra Pregnancy & Health Testimonial"](#) (3:09)

Resource: [Healing after Abortion](#)

1. Read Exodus 20:13; Matt. 5:21; Rom. 13:9; Gen. 9:5-6; 1 Jhn. 3:15. Why does God place such absolute weight on the preservation of human life?
 - a. Because human life belongs to God and reflects God; To attack life is to confront the Creator Himself; The sixth commandment stands as a protective fence because without divine restraint the human heart drifts toward death; God guards life not arbitrarily, but because life bears His image and displays His glory
2. The enemy uses strong emotional manipulation and misapplied empathy to sway people to support a culture of death. When we struggle to believe what God says about the preciousness of life when confronted with abortion propaganda, what truth from His word do we need to be reminded of?
 - a. Emotional pressure can blur moral clarity - "Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light." (2Co 11:14) God's Word anchors the value of every human life - "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." (Gen 1:27) Life is known and formed by God before birth - "For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb... your eyes saw my unformed substance." (Psa 139:13-16) True compassion must be guided by truth - "Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all who are destitute." (Pro 31:8-9) The world appeals to feelings; God renews our

minds - "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." (Rom 12:2) Freedom comes from abiding in God's truth - "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (Joh 8:31–32)

PRACTICE

1. Discuss what kind of thoughts, words and actions reveal a sinful slide into the devaluing of life.
 - a. Devaluing life usually starts long before outward actions; It often begins in our thoughts - when anger, resentment, or indifference feel justified. Then it shows up in our words, like using language that minimizes people or staying silent when we should speak up. Eventually, it becomes visible in our actions, or just as often, our inaction—when we don't step in, help, or defend the vulnerable. That's why Jesus presses this commandment to the heart. It shows us how much we need Him to reshape how we see and value life
2. Why are Christians called to care about and protect human life in ways that are both truthful and compassionate, rather than remaining silent or responding harshly?
 - a. Love for our neighbor requires more than holding correct beliefs - it calls us to wise, humble, and gospel-shaped engagement; Scripture compels us to value and preserve life, but always in a way that reflects the heart of Christ, who meets sinners with truth and mercy together
 - b. Remaining silent can fail to love those at risk, yet speaking or acting without compassion can also cause harm - especially when many carry unseen wounds connected to abortion; Faithfulness in this matter is not loud activism or quiet neutrality, but advocacy rooted in humility: being ready to speak when needed, to help when invited, and to walk graciously and patiently with individuals and families facing complex circumstances.
 - c. Reminder: To defend life well is to care for the whole person (before and after decisions are made) trusting that God is sovereign, the gospel is powerful, and we as the "hands and feet" of Christ are both just and merciful
3. In the sermon, we saw that sin can show up in different ways—not only through our actions, but also through our thoughts and our words. Sometimes it's not what we do, but what we fail to do. As you reflect on this, is there an area where

you've seen this at work in your own life - through what you've done, thought, or said (or perhaps left undone)?

- a. Examples: Moments where you acted wrongly; entertained sinful thoughts or attitudes; used words that diminished life or truth; or stayed silent when you should have spoken or acted in love
4. How would you lead someone to help after they confessed an abortion (men and women)? How can that be done in light of the grace shown to us so that we're not condemning?
- a. We start by listening and thanking them for trusting us with something so personal. A confession isn't a time for us to act as judge, it's an opportunity for mercy and grace; We let them know they're not alone, and gently point them to the same grace we rely on ourselves; Abortion is serious, but it is not unforgivable; The gospel meets real sin with real mercy, and Christ is compassionate toward those who come to Him honestly; We don't minimize the sin, but we never treat it as something beyond the reach of God's grace
 - b. Practically, that means walking with them instead of sending them off alone - connecting with them and with others to get the support and biblically faithful guidance they need from resources like Sierra Pregnancy + Health, which serves both men and women with confidentiality
 - c. We lead as fellow sinners saved by grace - holding out hope, not shame -and trusting that Christ is both willing and able to bring real healing over time

CHANGE

- We are all tempted to choose comfort, fear, or self-protection. How does remembering our own weakness shape the way we think about someone facing an unplanned pregnancy? When obedience to God can feel costly and/or daunting (think financially, relationally, or socially) how does being convinced that God's commands flow from a Father's loving care change how we would respond, support, and lead others toward life?
- In what ways might God be calling you to grow in trust that His commands are not meant to rob joy, but to protect from deeper sorrow?
 - "There is nothing in the law of God that will rob your happiness, it only denies you that which will cause you sorrow." C. H. Spurgeon