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Focal Truth:

Do not murder.

1. Life is the sacred gift of God.

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
Gen. 2:7

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Gen. 1:27

2. Do not murder your neighbor – love your neighbor.

You shall not murder. Ex. 20:13

“You have heard that the ancients were told, ‘YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER’ and ‘Whoever commits murder shall be liable to the court.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be guilty before the court; and whoever says to his brother, ‘You good-for-nothing,’ shall be guilty before the supreme court; and whoever says, ‘You fool,’ shall be guilty enough to go into the fiery hell.”

Matt. 5:21-22

3. Do not murder yourself – take care of yourself.

...for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church. Eph. 5:29

Why is self-murder a sin?

- Self–murder expresses self–hatred for what God made good.
- Self–murder assumes God’s authority to give and take life.
- Self–murder is an act of selfishness and rebellion against God.
- Self–murder is driven by hopelessness of life pressures that seem unbearable.

If you are considering suicide, ask for help. Call the suicide prevention line 1-855-274-7471.

4. Do not murder your soul – rejecting the gospel brings God's judgement.

...dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power. 2 Thess. 1:8-9

Daily Use:

- Choose life for yourself by trusting in Jesus Christ.
- Protect and preserve the life of every human being.
- Forsake your anger towards others – forgive them.
- Hope in God in your despair – ask for help if you are considering suicide.

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