

# Living by Design: 10 Commandments

## Week 6 // Command 6

October 26, 2025

**Ice Breaker:** What is a quality you value most in a friend?

**Key Scripture:** Exodus 20:13, *“You shall not murder”*

### **Big Idea:**

God designed us with a purpose, and He gave us the Ten Commandments as the foundation for living in right relationship with Him and with others.

They are not rules to restrict us, but a design for life that leads to freedom, blessing, and flourishing.

### **Key Thought:**

When we devalue human life, we are not just breaking a social rule—we are rejecting the sacredness of God’s image in others.

### **Key Points:**

- Every person—regardless of status, age, ability, or background—has **eternal value** because of who created them.
- Murder begins **in the heart** before it ever reaches the hands.
- Jesus expands the sixth commandment to include **anger, hatred, and contempt**.
  - *“You have heard that it was said... ‘You shall not murder,’ but I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment.”*  
Matthew 5:21-24

### **Digging Deeper Questions:**

- How does Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 5 challenge your understanding of the command “You shall not murder”?
- What might it look like to “leave your gift at the altar” and pursue reconciliation this week?
- How can your daily actions—words, tone, choices—reflect God’s value for life and people?
- What habits or attitudes could you surrender to God to align your heart with His?

### **Prayer**

- Praise God for making us in His Image.
- Pray forgiveness for the ways you have devalued others in thoughts, words, and actions.
- Pray that God would give you the eyes to see others as His image-bearers.