X COMMANDMENTS

DO NOT MURDER

GROW GUIDE

You can't radically love God or people with murder in your heart!

ABOUT MURDER:

What is Murder?

Murder is taking innocent human life with intent, an attack on God's image

- Not all killing is murder: God **sometimes** sanctions killings for justice, covenant protection, or judgment. (1 Kings 18:40, Numbers 25:7-13; 35:16-21, Judges 15:15-16; 16:30)
- Murder is **always** sin! (Exodus 20:13)
- Murder is **attack** on God's creation. (Genesis 9:6)
- Death is a **demonic** power. (Hebrews 2:14)
- The devil is a murderer. (John 8:44)
- Murder is unlawful, premeditated, and **motivated** by hate, jealousy, selfishness, or rebellion. (Deuteronomy 19:11-13, Genesis 4:8, Exodus 2:11-12, 2 Samuel 11:14-17, Luke 23:18-25)
- Murder is an **attack** on the image of God. (Genesis 9:6)
- Murder is a demonic principality. (John 10:10)
- The antichrist is the "Rider of Death." (Revelation 6:8)

The Truth About Hate:

- Jesus equates hate & anger with murder. (1 John 3:15)
- Jesus **commands** the opposite of hate
- Jesus **replaces** love for hate
- Jesus roots love in **discipleship**, contrasting it with the world's hate
- Hatred is the **heart** of murder
- Hatred **devalues** the divine image in humanity and aligns the heart with sin and death
- The birthplace of murder is a **heart** that entertains hate

CAUTION:
Hate sneaks in,
so guard your heart.
Without radical love,
you are susceptible to
radical hate!

Hatred looks like:

Cancel culture
Repeating lies, gossip & slander
Abortion
False witness accusations
Mean, religious people
Racism

**Jesus died the death of a murderer, so murderers could live.
He died for the murderers, for the hateful, and for you!**

APPLICATION

QUESTIONS FOR YOURSELF:

- How well do I guard my heart against hatred?
- Is there anyone whom I need to forgive?
- Where has my heart been influenced to offense by the media?

QUESTIONS FOR GOD:

- In what ways do I entertain hatred, jealousy, selfishness, or rebellion?
- Will you show me how to radically love people?
- Have I committed murder in my heart?

QUESTIONS FOR OTHERS:

- Do you know the significance of Jesus dying for you?
- In what ways can you radically love your enemies?
- How do you guard your heart against hatred?

STEWARDING THE 3RD COMMANDMENT:

- **Don't** use the word "hate" in your house.
- **Beware** of any atmospheres that don't have love.
- **Forgive** every day—don't allow unforgiveness, offense, or hatred to grow.
- **Intercede** and repent for our nation.
- **Pray** the prayer of radical love everyday to guard against hatred.

PRAYER OF RADICAL LOVE.

Father, I really do love You. I call You Holy, You call me Beloved! Thank You for loving me. Today I love on You. Would You love on me? Your love is perfect. I want to love like You! Help me love my neighbor and my enemy. Teach me how to war in love. I pray the love of God casts out all fear. Shame, go! Glory of God come fill me. Holy Spirit help me to love what You love and hate what You hate. I choose to obey You today! Lord, I love You with all of my heart, soul, mind and strength. I pray today to encounter Your radical love! Amen.