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The numbers

- 500000 murders per year or **1 murder per minute**
- Suicide is the **SECOND** leading cause of death for ages 10-24.
- More teenagers and young adults die from suicide than from cancer, heart disease, AIDS, birth defects, stroke, pneumonia, influenza, and chronic lung disease, **COMBINED**
- According to WHO, **every year in the world there are an estimated 40-50 million abortions**. This corresponds to approximately **125,000 abortions per day**.
- Half of pregnancies among American women are unintended, and about four in 10 of these end in abortion.

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2 Tim 3:2-4

- ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—

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What is murder?

- Legal Dictionary
 - the killing of a human being by a sane person, with intent, malice aforethought (prior intention to kill the particular victim or anyone who gets in the way) and with no legal excuse or authority.
- Oxford Dictionary
 - the unlawful, premeditated, killing of one human being by another.

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Gen 4:1-8

- 4 Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.”² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.
- Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.
- ⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”
- ⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

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Why is murder wrong?

- Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds human blood, by humans shall their blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made mankind.

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Why is murder wrong?

1. Because God says it is
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10. Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person

The question of abortion

- “I feel the greatest destroyer of peace today is 'Abortion', because it is a war against the child... A direct killing of the innocent child, 'Murder' by the mother herself... And if we can accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another? How do we persuade a woman not to have an abortion? As always, we must persuade her with love... And we remind ourselves that love means to be willing to give until it hurts...”

— [Mother Teresa](#)

The question of abortion

- An abortion is the medical process of ending of a pregnancy so it does not result in the birth of a baby.

OR

- The termination of a pregnancy before viability.

The question of abortion

1. A high chance that the baby will have a serious abnormality
2. A health risk to the mother
3. Personal circumstances

The question of abortion

- Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart. —[Jeremiah 1:5](#)
- Even before I was born, God had chosen me to be His. —[Galatians 1:15](#)
- For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mothers womb... Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.
—[Psalm 139:13, 16](#)
- Children are a gift from God. —[Psalm 127:3](#)
- Do not shed innocent blood —[Jeremiah 7:6](#)
- He didn't kill me in the womb, with my mother as my grave.—[Jeremiah 20:17](#)
- If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined ...if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life
—[Exodus 21:22,23](#)

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The question of suicide

- [**Ecclesiastes 7:17**](#) Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time?
- [**Psalms 34:17-20**](#) When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.
- [**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**](#) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.
- [**Jeremiah 29:11**](#) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.
- [**Psalms 13:2-4**](#) How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me? Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death, lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- [**2 Corinthians 12:9**](#) But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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Mat 5:21-24

- ²¹ “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ ²² But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell.
- ²³ “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

Rom 5:20-21

- ²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.