STAND YOUR GROUND Part 3: Oct 8 & 13, 2021
Commandment #6: You Shall Not Murder
Ideas Have Consequences

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Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. (Deut. 30:19-20)

Do justice and righteousness and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the resident alien, the fatherless, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. (Jeremiah 22:3)

Proactive for LIFE: causing something to happen; taking responsibility; anticipating; acting in advance of expected difficulties.

Five symptoms of a Desensitized Nation:

1. **Theological Neuropathy:**
   • A degenerative state of the nervous system

So God Created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. Genesis 1:27

During the next 35 years the traditional view of the sanctity of human life will collapse under pressure from scientific, technological, and demographic developments. . . . only hardcore, know-nothing religious fundamentalists will defend the view that every human life, from conception to death, is sacrosanct. Peter Singer

2. **Sentimental Dyslexia:**
   • An impairment of the ability to read and recognize words

Human. . . Person. . . Man. . . Woman. . . Choice. . . Child. . . Kill. . . Love

3. **Media Dementia:**

- A deterioration of discernment and concentration

4. **Contagious Narcissism:**

- Excessive love and admiration of oneself

5. **Nationalistic Myopia:**

- Distant objects appear blurred

Group Discussion:

1. What has become clear to me that I should "choose life" more proactively?

__Loving my immigrant or refugee neighbor
__Care for sick, aged, or special needs
__Adoption
__Relieving world hunger/ water shortage
__Relief for homeless and refugees
__Safety for marginalized and vulnerable
__Sharing the Gospel to every person
__Protest or political advocacy

2. When have I experienced someone showing devoted care for my life, or the life of someone I love?

3. Someone close in prayer for our nation and its leaders to value life.