

Message Notes for July 18, 2021

Message Series: Cherishing Life

Message Title: Raca and Ratsach

You shall not murder.

Exodus 20:13 NRSV

Deuteronomy 5:17 NRSV

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.” 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.

Matthew 5:21-22 NIV

- Raca**
- Not a complimentary word
  - Used to really put another person down
  - Meant to be derogatory
  - An expression meaning empty-headed
  - Implied another person was stupid or inferior
  - Very offensive, and it showed utter contempt for another person
- Ratsach**
- The Hebrew word in the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment for murder. (raw-tsakh)
  - This word is used \_\_\_\_ times in the Old Testament.
  - Murder, slay, kill
  - Put to death, especially by murder
  - Dash to pieces, kill a human being

We are not what we do. We are not what we have. We are not what others think of us. I am a beloved child of a loving creator.

-Henri Nouwen