

# Do No Harm!

May 29, 2022 – Deut. 5:17-21

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## How should I understand the final five commandments?

1. They are God's terms of the covenant to live under His **blessing**.
2. It reveals to us what is good and just in God's **kingdom**.
3. They show us what **loving** our neighbor looks like.
  - a. The **Golden** Rule
  - b. The **Greatest** Commandment
  - c. The Most **Genuine** Sign
4. They reveal the reality of **evil** within us and our need for a **Savior**.
  - a. Sin is more than just **external** behavior:
    - b. The law exposes our **inability** to keep it and points us to our need for a **deliverer**.

## Pursuing love through these commandments

1. **Murder**: We need to deal with the anger and **bitterness** we hold on to toward other people in our lives.
2. **Adultery**: We need to deal with **corrupt** sexual cravings within our minds.
3. **Theft**: We need to deal with the **greed** of our hearts that tempt us to cheat others.
4. **Bearing False Witness**: We need to deal with our own desire to **protect** ourselves at the expense of others

## Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think God still blesses those who obey the Ten Commandments? If so, in what way?
2. Some would say that living by the Ten Commandments is oppressive. How would you respond to that statement?
3. Jesus is clearly more concerned about the hearts of people than external behavior. How does Jesus make this clear in His ministry?
4. How do Christians break these commandments on an internal level? How does the Gospel inform your response to these violations?
5. In what ways are you not loving your neighbor (actual neighbor, co-worker, family member, etc.)?
6. Spend time in repentance over ways in which you are currently not loving your neighbor.
7. What is a take-away for you from the message or this passage?

## Next Steps:

1. If you would like to become a follower of Jesus, please let us know. Pastor Jon will be in the room behind the Welcome Center after the service.
2. If you are interested in baptism, let Pastor Jon know in person or email him at [pj@fbclowell.org](mailto:pj@fbclowell.org).
3. Consider joining an elective. They meet most Sundays at 11am.
4. Read the Bible with us to know God and respond to Him! Below is our current schedule.

<h2 style="text-align: center;">May 2022</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Two Year Bible Reading Plan</p>				
<b>Week 1</b> <i>Starting May 2</i>	<b>Week 2</b> <i>Starting May 9</i>	<b>Week 3</b> <i>Starting May 16</i>	<b>Week 4</b> <i>Starting May 23</i>	<b>Week 5</b> <i>Starting May 30</i>
Day 1: Num. 32-33	Day 1: Deut. 4	Day 1: Deut. 12-13	Day 1: Deut. 22-23	Day 1: Deut. 30-31
Day 2: Num. 34	Day 2: Deut. 5-6	Day 2: Deut. 14-15	Day 2: Deut. 24-25	Day 2: Deut. 32
Day 3: Num. 35-36	Day 3: Deut. 7-8	Day 3: Deut. 16-17	Day 3: Deut. 26-27	Day 3: Deut. 33-34; Josh 1
Day 4: Deut. 1-2	Day 4: Deut. 9-10	Day 4: Deut. 18-19	Day 4: Deut. 28	Day 4: Joshua 2-3
Day 5: Deut. 3	Day 5: Deut. 11	Day 5: Deut. 20-21	Day 5: Deut. 29	Day 5: Joshua 4-5

“And you shall not steal. And you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. And you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife. And you shall not desire your neighbor’s house, his field, or his male servant, or his female servant, his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”  
 -Deuteronomy 5:19-21

**What was your big take-a-way from the message this morning?**