

SERMON OUTLINE & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

**PRESERVING LIFE**  
**MATTHEW 5:21-26**

**MAIN THOUGHT & OUTLINE**

Don't murder by your anger, but instead promote life by seeking reconciliation with your brother and your adversary.

- I. Don't Murder by Anger (v.21-22)
- II. Seek Reconciliation with Your Brother (v.23-24)
- III. Seek Reconciliation with Your Adversary (v.25-26)

**QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION**

1. What happens when we imagine the law is only about our external actions and not about our heart? Think of the rich young ruler's claim to perfection (Matt 19:16-22)
2. Consider one or two of the passages where Christ displayed anger. How does this compare with how you display anger?
3. Are there those in your life with whom you need to seek reconciliation? How will you do this? How quickly?
4. Covenant children – what is Jesus teaching you about the sin in your anger against your siblings or friends?

**FURTHER READING:** 1 Peter 2:23; Rom 12:18; Matt 6:12, 14-15; Matt 26:52; James 2:13