

Sometimes the topic of the sanctity of human life
causes folks to chirp about Christians “getting
political.”

Wrong.

The sanctity of human life is a biblical reality.



THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

Sanctity - Holy or Sacred – Both terms means “set apart to God” or “consecrated to the Master’s use”

Why make the distinction ‘human life?’

Because God Himself made such distinction when mankind alone was created in His image.



COLOSSIANS 1:16

“...by (Jesus Christ) all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and
invisible, whether thrones or powers or
rulers or authorities; all things were created
by Him and for Him.”



IDENTITY CRISIS: CREATED FOR HIM

Gen. 1:26-27; Ps. 139:13-16



GEN. 1:26-27

Made by God

Created in God's image

Given dominion over creation

Clearly assigned higher value (Matt. 6:26; Luke 12:6-7)



DIVINE PROTECTION

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.” - Gen. 9:6

God-given protection order
“You shall not murder.” - Ex. 20:13



INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE

Psalms 139:13-16

Jer. 1:5

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you were born I set you apart.”



DESIGNED TO BE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1 Cor. 6:18ff

“You are not your own;
you were bought at a price.”

2 Cor. 6:14ff

“We are the temple of the living God.”



SO HUMAN LIFE IS SACRED. SO WHAT?

Abortion? Euthanasia?

Elder abuse/neglect?

Domestic violence?

Self-harm? Neglect/abuse of children?

Physical, sexual, or emotional abuse?



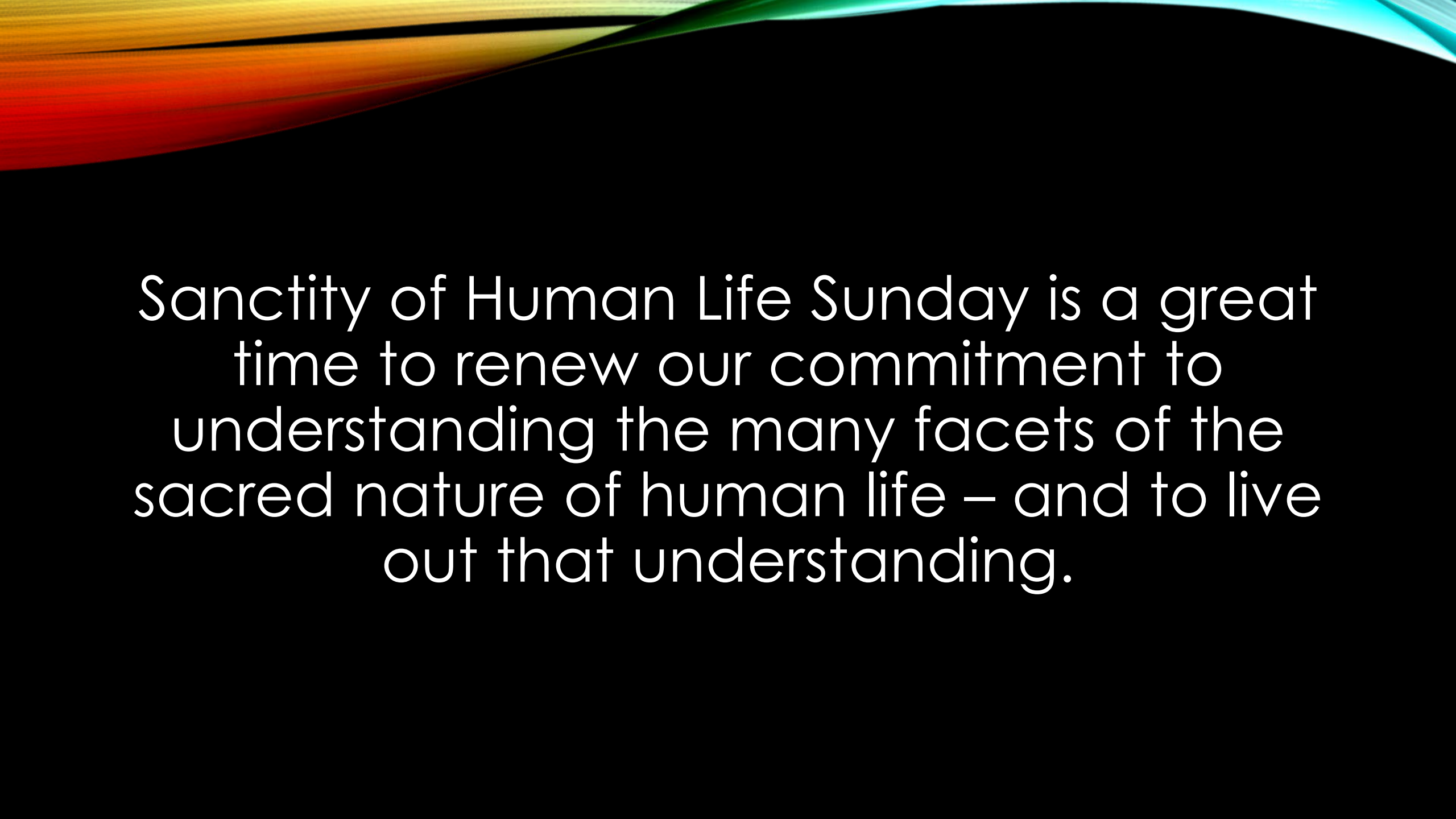
Racial or ethnic prejudice?

Drug use (incl. alcohol abuse)?

Other recreational substance abuse?

Poor eating habits?

Sedentary lifestyle?



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is a great time to renew our commitment to understanding the many facets of the sacred nature of human life – and to live out that understanding.