



“And now I am no more in the world,
but these are in the world...” (John 17:11).

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WHEN LAWS ARE BROKEN, PEOPLE DIE

Late in September, a school of 800 students in Nairobi, Kenya, collapsed, injuring dozens and killing at least seven children. The non-enforcement of building codes contributed to this tragedy, allowing shoddy workmanship, greed, and a lack of oversight. Residents demanded resignations, arrests, and criminal charges over the laws that were broken and the lives that were ended.

WHEN LAWS ARE OBEYED, PEOPLE FLOURISH

Moses addressed the children of Israel and recounted how God had been faithful to them in the wilderness by providing for them and by giving them His Law. If they would obey this Law, they would inhabit the Promised Land and thrive, gaining a reputation for being people of wisdom with a great and approachable God. But if they disobeyed the Law, destruction and death would surely follow.

1. What’s an example of a law that, if broken, could result in great tragedy?
2. How can the balance be maintained between public well-being and private liberty?
3. How does obeying civil laws help everyone?

Additional Resources

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