

THE REAL TRAGEDY

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INTRODUCTION

I rarely comment on political events or current events. I view our earthly circumstances as secondary to our basic and most important need in life: healing the sin problem in our lives and nurturing our personal relationship with God.

I prefer to focus on THE REAL PROBLEM – overcoming sin and being reconciled to God – and THE REAL ANSWER – a personal relationship with the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ Who gives us the power to live new lives.

Recent events surrounding the killing of abortion center workers at various locations does, I feel, force me to make a public pronouncement, evaluating events from the Word of God, using the standards the Lord Jesus Himself would use.

1. The killing of abortion center workers cannot be approved by Christians. Such killings are criminal acts. Although I must say that abortionists, according to the Word of God are murderers by God's standards (even if man's laws permit the action), the Lord Jesus never approved vigilante violence against wrongdoers. He stated we must PRAY for the conversion of sinners. Even the Christian martyrs prayed for those who killed them and did not strike back at their persecutors.
2. The REAL TRAGEDY should never be lost sight of: that millions of innocent humans are being murdered in the womb and denied their right to life. And most important, people are violating God's commandment: "You shall not murder." (Exodus 20:13)
3. The REAL ANSWER to the problem is repentance from sexual immorality of our age and from the pride of man exalting himself above God. Repentance from adultery and fornication and a return to honoring marriage and revering all life will solve the problem. We should start calling "safe sex" what it really is: "safe fornication" and "safe adultery." The Lord Jesus clearly approved either a lifelong heterosexual marriage or a life of single chastity and sexual purity as the only two acceptable lifestyle options (Matthew 19:1-12).

The conflict between PRO-LIFE and PRO-CHOICE will not go away because the TRUTH cannot go away:

GOD IS PRO-LIFE!

As Christians, let's pray for the conversion of the abortionists. Let's empty our hearts of any hatred toward them, but rather pray with love and compassion that they will repent and come to know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us live lives of sexual purity ourselves and be bold in the advocacy of true Christian sexual morality. And let us never compromise the Word of God or forget the innocent children being murdered in the womb.

God bless you today,

Pastor Jackson Morro

CHAPTER ONE THE BIBLICAL BASIS OF PRO-LIFE

As Christians, we are pro-life because God is pro-life. As Christians, we accept the Bible as the revealed Word of God, written through human instruments who were inspired and moved by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth. We believe the Bible to be God effectively speaking His will to mankind, His creation. The Bible is pro-life and anti-abortion because the One True Living God of this universe is pro-life and anti-abortion.

God makes His pro-life will abundantly clear in scripture. He is straightforward and direct. As we popularly say, He is "short and sweet." God does not have to contend with people on the basis of long involved arguments. God does not have to deal with man in a relative morality with many shades of gray. The Author of Truth and Goodness reveals and promulgates the True and the Good with absolute authority.

The biblical basis of the Christian pro-life movement begins with the commandment of God, "You shall not murder." (Exodus 20:13) *Murder is defined as the intentional unjust killing of a person.* To not murder is a commandment of God. All civilized societies adhere to this policy and exact

a heavy penalty from those who violate it. Such a policy is necessary for basic social order to exist.

Abortion fits the definition of murder. It is *intentional*. Abortion can only be committed through the willful participation of a woman and an abortionist. Abortion is the *unjust* killing of a living person. The victim, the baby in the womb, is guilty of no other “crime” than having been conceived inconveniently.

The Bible also makes perfectly clear that abortion is the killing of a *person*, for the Bible clearly states that a baby in the womb is a *person* from the moment of conception. Scriptural evidence is abundant in proving the personhood of that which is conceived in the womb. King David wrote in Psalm 139:

For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb.

- Psalm 139:13

God is at work forming David as a person from the moment of his conception.

Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.

- Psalm 139:16

Even when David was just a fertilized egg moments after conception, he was a *person* (“my unformed substance”) who already, at that moment, had a plan for a life given him by God. We read again and again that God forms an individual person in the womb. Some scripture examples are Job 31:15; Isaiah 44:2; Isaiah 44:24; Isaiah 49:5, and Ecclesiastes 11:5. Furthermore, the Bible always calls the state of pregnancy, even from the moment of conception, as “being with child,” never as “being with fetus.” So certain is the personhood of the baby in the womb that two notable figures, John the Baptist and our Lord Jesus Himself were given their names even before their conception (Luke 1:13; Luke 1:31).

Biblically, therefore, abortion fits God’s definition of murder. Abortion, regardless of what man’s laws permit, is murder.

Abortion, furthermore, is demonically inspired. The roots of abortion go back to the Old Testament practice among pagans of child sacrifice. Back in

Old Testament times, one of the worst pagan abominations was child sacrifice to the pagan idol Molech, an idol whose worship was inspired by the demon Molech. The pagans would have a large metal statue of Molech built with outstretched metal hands. A hot pit of fire would be kindled in front of the statue. The pagans would then offer their newborn children to this demonic idol by placing the baby in the metal hands of the statue. The baby, uncomfortable on the hot metal, would squirm to get away, and of course, fall into the fire.

Down through the ages, Molech has constantly tried to get societies to sacrifice their children in one manner or another. It was Molech who inspired child sacrifice and child exposure in ancient times. It was Molech who inspired King Herod to kill the babies in Bethlehem at the time of Jesus' birth (Matthew 2:16-23). And it is Molech inspiring the murder of 1.5 million babies a year in the United States through abortion. It is Molech inspiring the exposure to death of female babies in India. It is Molech inspiring the slaughter of babies in Communist China through abortion as a means of "population control."

You see, Satan, the chief fallen angel, is damned to an eternity of punishment and torment, and his only recourse is to strike back at God by trying to destroy mankind (the masterpiece of God's creation, created in His image and likeness) spiritually, emotionally and physically. Satan has assigned one of his chief fallen angels, Molech, the task of destroying as many innocent children as possible.

What does God say about such abomination?

They built the high places of Baal that are in the valley of Ben-hinnom to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire to Molech, which I had not commanded them nor had it entered My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

- Jeremiah 32:35

You shall not give any of your offspring to offer them to Molech, nor shall you profane the name of your God; I am the LORD... For whoever does any of these abominations, those persons who do so shall be cut off from among their people.

Leviticus 18:21, 29

The word "abomination" means "detestable," "abhorrent," "utterly

wicked.” Abominations, in the Bible, have always brought God’s wrath on those who practiced them and have always brought God’s judgment and devastation on societies that approved and permitted them. Jesus Christ is calling His Church to be faithful to His pro-life truth and to be unashamedly pro-life. Abortion is currently a worldwide sin and the day is not far away when God is going to bring a particular, terrible, swift judgment on this world because the world would rather accommodate its own selfish, secular humanistic needs instead of honoring life and the Giver of Life.

Abortion is an issue that transcends political parties. Anyone who says they truly love God and the Lord Jesus Christ simply *cannot be pro-choice*. As Christians, we must be willing to take strong, courageous stands on moral issues. This will not necessarily make us popular. But always remember:

THERE IS NO CONGENIAL, COMFORTABLE WAY TO CONFRONT ANY ABOMINATION. TRUTH AND FALSEHOOD CAN NEVER SIGN A PEACE TREATY.

CHAPTER TWO PRO-LIFE VS. PRO-CHOICE AND THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Lord Jesus Christ led His Church into a new and better covenant (Hebrew 8:6) and calls mankind, through faith in Him, to walk in the new Royal Law of Love (James 2:8) which is embodied in the Two Great Commandments Jesus gave us:

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength...You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

- Mark 12:30-31

The Apostle Paul elaborates on this:

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For this, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, you

shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

- Romans 13:8-10

The love Jesus commanded does no wrong or does no harm to another person. As we have seen, God the Father proclaims that a baby is a person from the moment of conception in the mother's womb. Abortion, or the ending of the baby's life in his or her mother's womb is clearly doing harm to the baby. Abortion is denying the baby his/her right to life. Abortion is doing *harm*, doing *wrong* to another person: the BABY.

ABORTION REPRESENTS THE VERY OPPOSITE OF EVERYTHING JESUS STANDS FOR.

It is unthinkable that the Jesus Who healed the sick, raised the dead, set demon-possessed people free, multiplied bread and fish to feed the hungry, and blessed children and let them climb on Him, would ever approve of giving a woman the option of abortion as a morally acceptable decision. He would not!

The heart of Jesus is to love and to redeem; the mind of Jesus is to serve. When a woman becomes pregnant, in or out of wedlock, whether or not she feels "ready" to be a mother, the heart of the Lord Jesus is for that situation to be redeemed and fulfilled through love. Jesus, Love personified, calls all women (and men) to accept their God-given responsibilities if and when pregnancy occurs. Jesus says to them, especially the woman, in effect, "That baby within you is alive. God's love declares the baby should have life; the baby should have the opportunity to achieve God's will for his or her life. Look to Me as your Source if you are afraid or embarrassed. I, the Lord, Who multiplied fish and loaves will be your Source and Provider if you determine to walk in love and do the right thing. Give your life to Me, come to Me, and through My love and power, I will redeem your situation."

We are told to have the mind of Christ, the mind that wants to serve. The Apostle Paul tells us:

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in

appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

- Philippians 2:3-8

Like Jesus, we are to serve and never let our hearts be ruled by selfishness. Sadly, at the very heart of the pro-choice movement and most of the “isms” of modern, liberal, humanistic thinking is *selfishness*. Modern humanity is so eager to assert their own “rights,” even at the cost of stepping on the legitimate rights of others. This phony type of “liberation” is really, at the core, *selfishness*.

We see the sin of pride and mankind exalting itself against God. Abortion asserts so-called “rights” without responsibilities. Truly, the pro-choice movement would warm the heart of the antichrist himself. How sad it is to see some Christian clergy supporting a movement which stands directly opposed to the very personality of Jesus Himself. How tragic it is to see a prideful, selfish generation demanding only what it perceives as its personal “right” regardless of what it may do to the rights of others. How unlike the Jesus Who became a servant for others. How opposite the Jesus Who said, “I am the Good Shepherd; the Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.” (John 10:11)

CHAPTER THREE CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY

The real, foundational answer and solution to the abortion problem is the embracing of the sexuality guidelines established by the Lord Jesus Himself. Jesus spoke forth the only true Christian sexuality in the Gospels:

3 Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?”

4 And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE,

5 and said, ‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’?

6 “So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.”

7 *They said to Him, “Why then did Moses command to GIVE HER A CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE AND SEND her AWAY?”*

8 *He said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; but from the beginning it has not been this way.*

9 *“And I say to you, whoever divorces his wife, except for immorality, and marries another woman commits adultery.”*

10 *The disciples said to Him, “If the relationship of the man with his wife is like this, it is better not to marry.”*

11 *But He said to them, “Not all men can accept this statement, but only those to whom it has been given.*

12 *“For there are eunuchs who were born that way from their mother’s womb; and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men; and there are also eunuchs who made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to accept this, let him accept it.”*

- Matthew 19:3-12

The Lord Jesus clearly approved only two acceptable lifestyle choices: a lifelong heterosexual marriage, or a lifestyle of single chastity and sexual purity.

Jesus, Love personified, approved *no other sexuality*. Sexuality is clearly God’s gift to men and women to be exercised only between a man and woman within the bonds of a committed marriage. Jesus, with His proclamation of the Gospel, settles this issue once and for all. He calls people to a high standard of love and morality in the realm of sexuality. He calls people to even rid their innermost heart of secret lust (Matthew 5:27-28).

Jesus stated that adultery and fornication are evil and defile a person (Matthew 15:19-20). There is no conceivable way that Jesus can ever be seen as supporting the modern permissive lifestyles of adultery, fornication, divorce, homosexuality, or abortion. In fact, all these “modern” manifestations of the “sexual revolution” are not really new at all, but just a return to secular paganism that has been around since the dawn of mankind.

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth (John 14:26; John 16:13-14) amplifies Jesus’ personal teachings on sexuality through the New Testament writings of Paul, Peter, James, John and Jude. Clearly condemned as opposing the Gospel and the Lord Jesus Himself are adultery (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8), fornication (1 Peter 4:2-3; 1 Corinthians 6:14-15), homosexuality (Romans

1:24-28; Jude 7; 1 Timothy 1:10), and all deviant sexual behavior (1 Corinthians 6:9; Galatians 5:19). Other references are too numerous to list here.

Again, the ultimate solution to the abortion problem is conversion to Jesus Christ and the godly sexuality He proclaimed. *The person who accepts Christ into their heart as Savior and Lord and cooperates with the working of the grace of God within them* will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to walk in the realm of Christian sexuality rather than the immoral paganism of the world.

Our current world, however, is walking in a manner that deviates from the teachings of Jesus. Adultery, divorce, fornication, pornography, sexual experimentation and deviancy abound, and are accompanied by all the problems which go with such behavior: psychological problems, breakdown of family life, raising a generation of children coping with the psychological problems from parental divorce, raising a generation of children into crime and violence, skyrocketing venereal disease rates, more virulent venereal diseases such as AIDS, violence against women and children, and ABORTION.

Sexual morality has degenerated to the point where promiscuity and fornication are now simply accepted as normal and public schools are teaching practices of “safe sex.” “Safe sex” is a catchy phrase being promoted which all but concedes the acceptability of sexual immorality. In reality, Christians should boldly call such practices what they are – “safe adultery” and “safe fornication” – and give these practices the proper stigma they should have.

The long run solution to the abortion issue resides in a return to honoring marriage: “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4)

Society has devalued marriage. Marriage is mocked in the media and entertainment worlds. A 50% divorce rate shows how little marriage is honored. Sadly, the Christian community itself has fallen short – how often have we seen preachers or evangelists, or Christian celebrities or singers, people who should be role models, involved in adultery, fornication or divorce? The divorce rate in the Christian community, according to most surveys, hovers in the 50% rate. Although scripture does permit divorce if one partner commits adultery (Matthew 19:9) or if there is spousal abuse (1 Corinthians 7:15), such cases should be rare or even non-existent if two committed Christians are in the marriage. It is not enough for the Christian community to condemn abortion; it must boldly call the world to repentance in regard to sexuality, and it must call its own community to

repentance and to the living out of the highest sexual purity.

Sexuality is a gift of God exercised between one man and one woman joined together in marriage. Such sexual relations are blessed and sanctified by the Holy Spirit Himself. Any children resulting are then an expression of the love shared by the man and the woman. This is the REAL ANSWER to the REAL TRAGEDY.

CHAPTER FOUR ABORTION CLINIC PROTESTORS AND THE PROPHETIC VOICE

With so many forms of protest and demonstration taking place outside abortion clinics, how are we Christians to evaluate such movements? I prayerfully recommend the following guidelines to you, the reader.

In the first place, the violence against abortion clinics or clinic workers must be rejected and condemned. There is *no* New Testament justification for such violence. The Lord Jesus Christ commands that we love and pray for even those who commit abominations (Matthew 5:43-48). Christians are repeatedly commanded not to break civil laws which enforce peace and tranquility (Romans 13:1-4; 1 Peter 2:13-15). Violent rebellion, revolution or revenge are never justified in New Testament teaching (James 5:1-11; 1 Peter 2:13-24). Although the participators in and perpetrators of abortion are committing murderous acts according to the highest authority in the universe, God Himself, the Word of God clearly teaches that individuals cannot take it upon themselves to inflict violence or revenge in order to remedy wrongs (Romans 12:17-21 and 1 Thessalonians 5:15).

Nevertheless, God's mandate is for a prophetic voice to cry out against the sins and abominations of a nation. The cry of the prophet is the crying out for repentance in the midst of a spiritual wilderness as both John the Baptist and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself did (Matthew 3:2; Matthew 4:17). The cry of the prophet is often strident and unpopular because it confronts a society with the harsh, ugly reality of its sin and disturbs them because the society has become comfortable with its sin.

The simple, bold, uncompromising proclamation of the Word of God to a sinful society always leads to the persecution and even death of the prophet. As Christians, we can see that organized protests against abortion are, in fact, the prophetic voice of God confronting society and calling it to repent.

The simple, uncompromising proclamation of the truth will ruffle

society's feathers because there is no comfortable, convenient way to confront an abomination. Good and evil can never sign a peace treaty. A reading of the Old Testament prophets — such as Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Amos who confronted the issue of child sacrifice, among other sins — or examining the life of Elijah makes the truth of this abundantly clear. The prophets were direct, vociferous and uncompromising. They also paid the price of persecution for their obedience and courage.

The Apostle Paul gives us a scriptural principle: "...and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets." (1 Corinthians 14:32) As Christians, we are to respond to all situations in a spiritual manner with emotions under control. The cause of protecting the life of babies in the womb can lead to highly charged emotional situations on the front lines of demonstrations.

Pro-life demonstrations are often met with pro-choice demonstrations. Sometimes shouting, pushing and fighting may erupt. The Christian prophet is always called to be under self-control which is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). The Christian mandated in such situations is to never initiate or even respond in kind to anger or violence. The Word of God states, "For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God, a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. For what credit is there, if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God." (1 Peter 2:19-20) The prophets had such favor with God because in proclaiming the truth, they allowed themselves to be put in the position of innocent victim rather than violent avenger.

The question of non-violent civil disobedience is a very tough call. The preponderant direction of scripture calls for the obedience of civil laws unless a given law would force an individual to disobey God (Acts 5:17-29). Non-violent civil disobedience often involves breaking laws to make a political or moral statement even though the individual involved may not be directly affected by the law. Such actions as blocking access to abortion clinics would be included. This action would undoubtedly lead to an arrest of those blocking access.

To many Christians, such action cannot be reconciled to their understanding of scripture. This issue is not simple, however, for even Jesus "entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves; and He would not permit anyone to carry merchandise through the temple." (Mark 11:15-16)

The matter of non-violent civil disobedience remains an issue to be settled in the heart of the individual Christian, between their own heart and

God. It does seem to me, however, that the favor of God is going to work more effectively through Christians who do not break the law but instead allow themselves, like the prophets, to become innocent victims because of their proclamation of the truth.

Pro-life demonstrators have been correctly compared by many to the anti-slavery Abolitionists of the 19th century. The Abolitionists exercised a prophetic voice which kept the moral issue of the sinfulness of slavery before the public conscience. The prophetic voice is always a “crying in the wilderness.” Occasionally, the people heed the prophetic call and repent. Other times, the moral issue is righted only after the wrath of God has been visited upon a people. Either way, God, because He raises up the prophetic voice, always deals with people fairly (Amos 3:7).

CHAPTER FIVE

A CHRISTIAN PRO-LIFE AGENDA

In this chapter, I hope to show you that as Christians, there is something that every one of us can do to assist us in protecting the rights of the unborn human beings in the womb. Some of you may be able to do all the things I have listed. Some of you may only be able to do one or a few things. All of us can do *something*. My hope is that your prayerful consideration of this chapter will lead you to the right action for you.

1. PRAYER AND FASTING – The Lord Jesus stated that all things are possible through prayer (Mark 11:22-26). In the Book of Acts, the Apostle Peter was delivered from prison and execution because “prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.” (Acts 12:5) The first and most important Christian response to any problem in life is to respond from our spirit with the spiritual resources God has made available. The same prayer and fasting that brings answers to your own needs will be just as effective in dealing with moral social problems.

2. CONFRONTATION OF PRO-CHOICE CLERGY WITH THE PRO-LIFE FACTS OF THE WORD OF GOD – The scandal of our times is that so many clergy have deviated from the biblical teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and Apostolic Christianity. Yet these men and women in the pulpit wear clerical dress and claim to be “Christian.” If we know such clergy, we should persistently and with love and patience keep presenting the pro-life

message to them through letters, personal communication and pro-life literature. The call of scripture is for us to leave any such church and withhold financial support from any such clergy or institution, for they do not proclaim the Christ they allege to profess. The Apostle Paul describes such clergy as “holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.” (2 Timothy 3:5) Clergy are to be held to accountability to preach the biblical and Apostolic message of Christianity, not a message which is really secular humanism in disguise.

3. VOTING A STRICT PRO-LIFE TICKET – The Christian community is a sleeping political giant which is just beginning to awake. A united Christian community can flex tremendous power at the ballot box. A very simple, yet disciplined approach will send a strong, effective message to those who want to hold political office. *Christians should vote strictly for only pro-life candidates and should never, for any reason, vote for a pro-choice candidate.* This guideline should be followed for every political office from the U.S. presidency down to local dog catcher. If two pro-life people run for the same office, vote for the one you feel is best qualified. If two pro-choice people run for the same office, do not cast a vote, because either way you would be supporting what is abhorrent to God. Don’t worry about being criticized as a one-issue person. Where abominations are concerned, God Himself becomes a one-issue Person.

4. PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION – How far an individual will get involved in this aspect is between the individual and God. Involvement may be as simple as having a pro-life bumper sticker on your car or it may go to the point of peaceful, legal demonstration in front of abortion clinics. Peaceful demonstration confronts people with pro-life truth, forces people to think and possibly reevaluate their positions. Christians as a body should utilize all the free speech and demonstrating rights they have to the full extent that the law allows. Furthermore, the law never has the right to silence the speaking of biblical truth (Acts 4:13-20).

5. REFUSAL TO CALL WOMEN WHO HAVE ABORTIONS “VICTIMS” – *The only victim in an abortion is the baby who was denied life by being torn from his/her mother’s womb.* Humans are accountable for their moral actions. This includes pregnant women and the men who helped them get pregnant. Wholehearted support for assisting pregnant women to complete their term to birth of the baby is the moral imperative upon all Christians. However, the misplaced sympathy of calling women who have

abortions “victims of the system” ignores the fact of personal moral accountability and the fact that not many decades ago, anyone involved in promoting or participating in an abortion would be criminally prosecuted for taking a human life.

6. COUNSELING AND EDUCATION – Christians can support established abortion alternatives counseling centers with their volunteer time and financial resources. Such organizations often help make a difference in convincing pregnant women to reject abortion. Often, these centers have professional, qualified counselors. They are worthy of Christian support. The best counseling and education, however, is a return to sound, biblical, moral teaching about Christian sexuality based on the teachings of the Lord Jesus Himself. Reaching young people before they become sexually active will help establish them in a lifestyle and value system where they will exercise their God-given sexuality within the context of a loving, committed, heterosexual marriage.

7. OFFERING LOVE, FORGIVENESS AND HEALING TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ABORTION – The Lord Jesus Christ came to redeem, bind up, and heal. The blood of Jesus is powerful enough to cleanse all of us from sin (1 John 1:7). That includes abortion. When someone realizes the seriousness of an abortion, sorrow, grief, guilt and even horror may come upon them. The love, forgiveness and healing of Jesus Christ is greater than all these. Through Jesus we can become a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17), fully forgiven, made clean and whole and restored by his love. Old things pass away; all things become new. Only Jesus can do that for us. The message of Jesus to the repentant woman who aborted, to the repentant man who paid for and encouraged her to abort, and to the repentant doctor or health care worker who performed the abortion is still, “I do not condemn you.... Go. From now on sin no more.” (John 8:11)

8. THE UNWED MOTHER SEEKING HELP AND COUNSEL IS TO ALWAYS BE WELCOME IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH – The most important responsibility of every human being is to come to know and accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The responsibility of the Church of Jesus Christ is to offer the gift of salvation to *all* without being a respecter of a person (Acts 10:34). A loving environment where a person can come to hear the Word of God preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit and come to be established in the Word of God will overcome all the moral confusion, sin and error of a lifetime. The Word of God tells us, “For by

grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9) The Christian pro-life movement goes beyond stopping abortion. It desires to lead all to eternal life. That’s PRO-LIFE!

CHAPTER SIX

A MESSAGE TO A WOMAN CONSIDERING ABORTION

Are you a woman who has found yourself pregnant and you are considering having the baby in your womb aborted? My message to you is simple and direct: Don’t do it! Don’t have the abortion! Don’t become a murderer!

I want to tell you first of all that the baby in your womb is a living human being from the moment of conception. As such, God began the life process and only God has the right to end it. That baby, from the moment of conception, has a *right to live* the life that has begun.

Secondly, I want to tell you that the baby’s right to life is far more important than any right you have to control your own body. *When you chose to exercise your sexuality, you chose to accept the consequences and responsibilities that go with it.* That means obeying God’s commandment “You shall not kill” (Exodus 20:13), which actually is “You shall not murder.” Not long ago, abortion was a criminal offense which would result in jail time for anyone (woman, man, doctor) participating in the act. Abortion is only available today because of the severe moral degeneration of our world.

I want to encourage you, on the other hand, to **DO THE RIGHT THING**. Be courageous, be strong. Don’t let fear or the worry about possible embarrassment bully you into what God and the Bible call a crime and an abomination. Don’t let selfishness or self-centeredness seduce you into what might seem the “convenient” way out but in reality, would only reveal a callous, moral bankruptcy, a bankruptcy that will cause you to pay a price of moral condemnation before the Throne of God on Judgement Day and cause you to be eternally lost.

Don’t let others sway you by their own agendas to do what is morally reprehensible: Abortionists are doctors who only want your money, because abortion is a very profitable business. Don’t let “feminist” activists push you toward a terrible mistake that they want you to make so they can strengthen

their own egos and agenda.

None of these people will be around to help you pick up the emotional pieces after the abortion when the guilt, sorrow, depression and regret hit you *as they surely will*.

Do the right thing: LET THE BABY LIVE.

Give your life to God and look to Him to be your Source to see you through the situation. If you look to Him, He'll supply what you need to do the right thing.

Seek the counseling and support available through centers that offer alternatives to abortions. Many loving, helpful people will support you and see you through.

LET THE BABY LIVE.

If you don't feel capable or ready to care for a baby, many loving childless couples will be more than willing to adopt. Put the baby up for adoption if you feel you're not ready.

LET THE BABY LIVE.

Four thousand, four hundred (4,400) babies a day in the United States alone are aborted/murdered. Life is being devalued and cheapened. There is a better way. There is God's way.

LET THE BABY LIVE.

Millions of women have made a decision they'll regret for the rest of their lives. It's too late for them to change that decision. You can still make the right decision, the **ONLY** decision.

LET THE BABY LIVE.

CHAPTER SEVEN

A MESSAGE TO SOMEONE WHO HAS PARTICIPATED IN AN ABORTION

What if you are a woman who has already had an abortion, or even several? What if you are a doctor who performs abortions? What if you are a young man or a husband who has psychologically abused or intimidated your female partner into getting an abortion?

My message to you is that the love and mercy of Jesus Christ is calling out to you, offering you forgiveness, cleansing, and *new life*, a brand new start.

Jesus is offering you this because He loves you. He loves all of us so much that He went to the cross to die for each one of us, for all people. He wants no one to be lost or eternally separated from God in a place called

hell. Jesus is calling you to come to Him. You must come to Him the way everyone comes to Him, for *all* have sinned and need His forgiveness. The Bible states, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23) The reason we do the sinful things we do is because we were born with a sinful nature. *All* of us human beings have this flaw.

But Jesus can make things right because of His sacrifice on the cross. Every sin we commit brings a sure penalty with it: death, either actual physical death, or a lesser form of death in suffering; and worst of all, spiritual death, or separation from God. On the cross, the innocent, sinless, totally obedient Son of God, Jesus, suffered and died to pay the price for your sins and mine. He literally took the punishment we should have gotten. And He makes that new life and forgiveness available to us. The Bible states, “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23) *New life* and eternal life are available to us. But there is something you must do:

1. You must acknowledge to God you are a sinner and forsake the sin you’ve committed. Being a sinner (or having the sin nature) is a deeper problem than the sin of abortion itself (as terrible as it is). We all have that nature of being a *sinner* and we must come to God and humbly acknowledge that fact to Him.

2. You must have repentance in your heart, a sorrow that makes you turn from sin in your heart. True repentance means we’re sorry and if we had the chance to go back and make things right, we would. And it means we want to turn away from sin in the future.

If you are a woman who has had an abortion, you probably are already tormented by guilt and regret. Jesus said, “I do not condemn you.... Go. From now on sin no more.” (John 8:11) Come to Jesus, give Him your past, your sorrow, and your guilt. Forsake the lifestyle and the decision making process that led you to abortion. Give your life to God and vow to live by the rules of sexuality that Jesus Himself set down (read Chapter 3 of this book). Ask Jesus’ grace and help to live this way. Your baby, although robbed of the opportunity to live on earth, is safely in heaven with Jesus right now. Someday, if you come to Jesus, you’ll see that baby in heaven, and they will love you and forgive you because you belong to Jesus.

The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7) and God won’t even remember your sin against you. But if you haven’t come to God through Jesus, when you stand before God’s Judgement Seat, your sins will stand

with you and that little baby will come forward and condemn you and testify against you before God the Father. The choice is yours.

If you are a doctor who performs abortions, you too will stand accountable before God and the blood of all your innocent victims will condemn you. Repent, turn away from your sin and become the *healer* God called you to be.

If you are a man who shares the responsibility for an abortion for your partner, you have the same choice. Repent, turn away from sin, give your life to God and start living by God's rules and Jesus' rules of sexuality. Grow up and be a godly man!

3. You must come to have faith in Jesus Christ, that He is the Son of God, that He died for your sins, that He rose again. You must accept what He did for you on the cross as payment and forgiveness for your sins, a gift from Him that He *wants* to give you. You must ask Him into your heart (inner person, spirit) and give your life, your total self to Him. When you do this, He *will* forgive you, He *will* come to live in you, and He *will* give you new life, eternal life.

No matter how messed up you may think your life has become, Jesus can turn it all around for the good. Norma Leah McCorvey, the woman who went to court to get the right for women to have abortions through the famous case, *Roe v. Wade* in 1973 (Norma was "Jane Roe") publicly repented and asked Jesus Christ to be her Savior. You can research this on the internet, or research the article by Sam How Verhovek, originally printed in the *New York Times*, reprinted on front page of *Providence Journal*, August 12, 1995. Although her court battle opened the door for millions of innocent babies to be murdered, when she came to Jesus with a truly repentant heart, do you think He accepted her and forgave her? You bet He did! He loves her!

Will you pray and ask Jesus into your life?:

"Lord Jesus Christ, I believe You are the Son of God and that You died on the cross for my sins and that You rose again. Jesus, I'm sorry for my sins; I turn from them. Forgive me. I accept what You did for me on the cross as Your gift to me. Come live in my heart, Lord; I want new life, I want You. I want to serve You the rest of my life. I ask this in Your name, Jesus. Amen."

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Is Jesus Christ Your Lord And Savior?

The most important decision you'll ever make in your life is to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord.

You can do this right now if you confess to God you are a sinner (as we all are) and simply ask Jesus to forgive your sins and come live inside of your heart (your inner person).

If you are sincere and really mean it when you ask Him, He will come to live inside of you, forgive your sins, give you new inner life and inner joy and peace, and give you a new power to live your life. He will make Himself very real to you. Jesus is Who you need and Who you've been looking for all your life!

God bless you today.

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