

# Valuing what God Values

Part 8: Abortion from an Apostolic Perspective (part 3)

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## Full Text (for reading on your own)

### *Prophetic Dinner*

Peter, Megan, and friends were out to dinner. Megan thought “should we minister like we normally minister at restaurants even with our friends here?” and decided “we have to do what we normally do.” So she told the others to get a word for their waitress. Four people got words and two people each got essentially the same word (both words confirmed). They decided on the order they would give the words to her. When they gave the words to her she started crying.

The words ministered to her so much that she was sharing with another waitress in the back who then wondered if she could get a word too! They told her “send her over!” The table did the same process again, and the second waitress was very ministered to as well.

Then, after dinner, one of the Christian couples at the table was blown away ... “we’ve never seen anything like this before.” Peter and Megan then were able to teach them further about the goodness of God, the power of the Word, etc. It not only was a ministry to the two waitresses, but also to the other believers with Peter and Megan!

### *Prophetic Protocol*

Here is how you can do the same thing when you are out to eat:

1. Ask everyone at the table to see if they get a word for the waitress. (We don’t want to take up too much of her time trying to get a word on the spot.)
2. Once everyone prays for a minute, see what words there are. Not everyone needs to get a word! We are working together! When the words are all “on the table” the leader of the group should say who will speak first, second, third, etc.
3. Give the words relationally.
4. Share the gospel and follow up info if possible!
5. Let them invite their friends too!

## *A Chance for Offense*

Interestingly, Peter almost missed this ministry opportunity because he could have stepped into offense about not liking anything on the menu where they went out to eat! He had been looking forward to this dinner for a few weeks, all the restaurants were full because of a Cleveland Indians game downtown and they ended up at a place where everything seemed to be sour - not a flavor he likes! Even the dish he ordered turned out to be sour so he stuck with french fries. But remember, offense stands between you and your destiny! Jesus was a “rock of offense” and He stands between man and Heaven, and people get offended by the foolishness of the gospel and they don't receive Heaven because of offense.

We would struggle a lot less with the flesh sometimes if we were more about God's business. Peter made a decision. Megan said “let's get a word for the waitress.” Peter thought “good I am not getting to eat, so let's get a word for the waitress - that sounds fun!”

The secret key to ministry is that you have to talk with people! This is Christian recreation! It's fun to get out there and prophecy the word of the Lord, lay hands on the sick who then recover, and lead people to the Lord! That's fun! We have the ministry power tools ... don't let them just collect dust in your garage! Get them out and rev the engines! It's fun being a commissioned Christian!

## *Remember your Root*

Remember that your connection with the Lord is the root of all the fruit in your life! In other words, you can change your life by changing your time in the Word and in prayer ... for better or for worse. Some believers will start thinking “oh I have a problem with pride” or “I have a problem with anger” and actually all they have is a problem with their time in the Word.

There are 3 ways to grow your connection with God: (1) time in His Word, (2) time in prayer, (3) time in fellowship with other believers ... in whom He dwells! That said our time with other believers will only draw us closer to God if they are personally drawing close to God.

So, if you want to increase your time in the Word / prayer, the key is to make a commitment to “go there” daily. Just commit to something small ... I am going to read the Word and commune with God for 15 minutes, 30 minutes ... each day. Then, as you follow through on that, your hunger for time with Him will grow. As your hunger grows, you can increase the time accordingly ... because of your hunger, not because of condemnation or obligation. If you do not desire being in the Word today, simply decide to “show up.” Half the battle is showing up. Then your hunger level for it will go up!

## *What does Scripture say about Abortion?*

Scripture speaks very clearly about abortion. Here are 7 comments scripture makes about it:

1. Children are a Blessing from the LORD **not** a Burden (Ps. 127:3-5)
2. God made us and saw us as a true, individual human with unique characteristics in our mother's womb. (Jer. 1:5, Ps. 139:13-16)
3. God makes all children ... not just those in certain stations of life. From the greatest to the least, God made them! (Job 31:13-15)
4. Babies have the ability to experience emotion and perceive spirits in the womb. (Lk.1:39-41, 44)
5. The striking a pregnant woman & causing the death of a fetus is considered **murder**. (Ex. 21:22-25)
6. Abortion / child sacrifice existed in bible times too. (Lev. 20:1-5)
7. God says "do not turn a blind eye to abortion" (Lev. 20:4-5, Prov. 24:11-12)

### *Addressing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Abortion*

If you start speaking up about abortion, at some point you are going to have push-back from pro-choice folks. On October 21, 2016, in a traffic jam Peter saw a post about abortion that pierced him through the heart. Peter has always been against abortion as a believer, but had not felt particularly led to speak up about it, yet on October 21st, he felt like he heard the Spirit of the Lord say "speak up now!" He told Megan that day "I am going to start speaking out against abortion."

The next day Peter wondered if he had really heard God. While wondering that exact thing he sees that Kris Vallotton just posted a 16 minute video in which he was speaking out against abortion on Facebook. Not a coincidence! The Spirit of God was wanting believers to speak up!

Peter prayed for insight about how to post about abortion. When he posted he naturally got push back from friends that were pro-choice. That push back, as well as a list of the 100 most common FAQs from the pro-choice side, is informing the FAQs that follow.

By addressing these FAQs you will be bolstered in the truth. When we saw the Ark, it makes you think "oh my, the ark would have worked!" That bolsters us even more in believing the Word! A similar thing is going to happen as you hear some of these facts. Additionally, you are going realize just how deceitful much of what you've heard has been.

We are not trying to be conformed to the pattern of the World. The prince of the power of the air is trying to mold you into the pattern of the world - like clay shoved into a mold - and God is saying

“do not be conformed to that mold or pattern but instead be transformed by renewing your mind - be conformed to the mold of Heaven.”

It is very important as believers that we run social issues through the grid of the Word of God. So, this is an example of how to do that. We say “I know that God’s Word cannot be wrong about abortion so I am going to do the research to figure out what is really true about the abortion statistics ... because I know that God’s Word can’t be wrong and I am going to find the data that shows that and then use it to help other people get set free.” We are not supposed to be conformed, but instead informing the world.

Truth is always on God’s side and the Word of the Lord always proves true! Just as a person who trusts in the Lord with all their heart and doesn’t lean on their own understanding and acknowledges Him in all areas of their life will have their paths made straight ... a culture that does the same will have its paths made straight!

### ***FAQ #1: “Isn’t abortion rare?”***

“Let’s keep abortion safe, legal, and rare” has been a pro-abortion slogan for 25 years or more.

By the way, if there were not a choice, what happens with babies? They are born of course! So, when we add the “choice” what can happen with babies? They can be killed. So “pro-choice” is not really pro-choice is it? What is it actually? It’s pro-abortion. Pro-death. Life was going to happen and we need to add a choice. Well if life was going to happen, what choice do you need to add? Pro-choice is a euphemism. I used to fly-fish and fly-fishermen don’t use “bobbers” which are not nearly sophisticated enough for fly fishing so we use “strike indicators!” That’s a euphemism! “Pro-choice” is a full-on euphemism. It is meant to sound good, but it’s a lie. Life is what would happen and now we have to add a choice. A choice for what may I ask you? A choice for death - the only choice that’s left. Pro-choice is not pro-choice. It is pro-abortion / pro-death.

So, pro-choice / pro-abortion advocates have been saying “let’s keep abortion safe, legal, and rare” for 25 years or more. The dictionary says rare means “not occurring very often.”

Would you call 59,475,628 American babies aborted since 1973 “rare”?

Is that a number you would describe as “not occurring very often?” If you met someone who had made 59,475,628 dollar bills and they said “let’s keep dollar bills *rare* in my bank account” you would think they were a jerk because it was such a lie. 60 million dollar bills is a lot of dollar bills.

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Some of you may remember Brad's friend who had a few abortions before she was a believer. Praise God she has been set free by Christ! Jesus came to set the captives free and if you have had an abortion Jesus came to set you free! And Brad's friend had been set free from despair and set free from despair ... yet you could still see that she could not tell those stories without crying. We are not only talking about 59,475,628 ... we are also talking about that many mothers.

If you met an abortion doctor who had performed 8 abortions that day. Wouldn't it be striking to you? That's 8 individual lives - 8 individual babies! Yet in 628 abortions there are 20 individuals plus those 8 individuals and 600 individuals plus those 20 individuals plus those 8 individuals. We have to break 59,475,628 down because otherwise we think of it as an abstraction. You have count one-by-one to get there.

It's not just the babies who were murdered, but it is also the women's lives who were terrorized and sent into a prison of shame. The Bible says that a murderer will be a fugitive the rest of their days. But God wants to set the captives free. He wants you set free from any abortion-related bondage in your life!

Peter recently had an opportunity recently to meet with an Ob-Gyn that had performed many abortions before he was a believer. He teared up recalling the abortions he had done. He wasn't a believer and just didn't know. Once he got saved, he opened one of the nation's first pro-life centers through which he saved many children.

Even when the redemptive story of Christ happens in the lives of mothers and lives of abortion doctors, the reality of the murder is still very real. It is not just the baby who experiences tremendous loss, it's the mother and abortion doctor. Our battle in this matter is not against flesh and blood. The same spirit that is causing the murder of the child is destroying lives of women and destroying lives of doctors. It is a spirit!

Around October 23rd of 2016, Peter was in another traffic jam and saw an image of the spirit of abortion hovering over our nation. Then he heard the Lord say "that's an improvement because it had been on our nation like a cloak and now it is hovering over our nation." Peter believes there is a move the Lord is wanting to do!

There were 1.4 million abortions a year in America in the 1990's. It is down to about 900,000 a year now. We are moving in the right direction! That is something to celebrate! 500,000 less a year! Peter believes that is happening because the pro-life group has been working so hard to get the horrific images of abortion in front of people. It is much more rare to now hear "it's a blob of cells." Most people have seen and technology (3D sonograms) is showing us more than ever before "that's a baby!"

Peter saw the spirit of abortion is hovering like a buzzard and that was an improvement because it had been going around on the ground stealing the young birds out of the nests of America. But if the Church of God will continue to rise up and like a bunch of little sparrows pelt that thing constantly the buzzard spirit of abortion will never again land on this nation and we can drive it out of our land. Peter believes we are living in a decade in which it can be abolished in our land!

59,475,628. Safe, legal, and rare? No! Currently still, 21% of American pregnancies end in abortion.

There are 8,900 gang shootings a year in America. That's about 3.5 days worth of abortion. Let's end both - neither are happening in the Kingdom, so let's manifest God's will on earth and end both! Nevertheless, there are currently 2,700 babies being killed in America a day. That's likely 200 hours during the 12 waking hours of the nation. So during a typical 2 hour church service, on average 400 American baby boys and girls will have been aborted. "Rare" is an absolute lie!

If there were any war that America were engaged in where 900,000 of our service men and women were being killed yearly, nothing else would be on any nightly news until the conflict was over. Nothing else! Yet that's what's happening and it is being kept silent. And that's exactly what the spirit of abortion (Molech - that buzzard) wants to creep through the nation snatching all these babies from the nest without anyone speaking up about it. We can drive it out with out words.

In 2012 in NYC, more African American babies were aborted than born. 31,328 black babies were aborted in NYC in 2012 and 24,758 were born. If you were an African American baby conceived in NYC in 2012, you had a better chance of being aborted than being born. "Rare?"

Bear in mind that Galton (Darwin's cousin) came up with the concept of eugenics "good genes" based on the theory of evolution. They wanted to cleanse bad genes out of the population through selective sterilization and even murder. Hitler loved it. That was the philosophical underpinning of Hitler's holocaust and the Third Reich. Margaret Sanger was a contemporary of Hitler who loved the eugenics movement - she started Planned Parenthood. Planned Parenthood is the nation's largest abortion provider. While some disagree, you can read her writings to see what she thought of African American people for yourself. Now, her organization is the largest abortion provider in the nation and African American babies are 3x more likely to be aborted in America than babies of other ethnicities. Not OK.

Abortion is not rare at all. It is not only for extreme circumstances. 21% of the babies is not rare. MOST African American babies being aborted in NYC in 2012 is not rare - that's the norm!

### ***FAQ #2: "What about women's rights?"***

Pro-abortion groups will say this 100 ways but they will basically say "it's a women's right / what about women's rights?"

What about the right of the very young women in the womb? There have been more than 29 million American baby girls murdered since 1973. What about those women? Would we not protect a woman being assaulted on the street? How much more a 3 year old girl being assaulted on the street? Yet we are not protecting the women who cannot even speak up or cry out for help?



This is called the foolishness of the world. Some very very smart people who God made very smart - and whom we love - are so deceived by a spirit that they are proudly marching on streets to say that abortion is about women's rights when it is killing women. It is insanity! You know this has to be spiritual deception because these people are way too smart to make such a ridiculous argument. It's ridiculous insanity. They have to be deceived. It is the dumbest argument you could possibly make. You have killed 29 million women - that is clearly not about women's rights.

Here's what we already know: the body inside of a pregnant woman is not her body.

- The baby has different DNA than his or her mother. If there was a crime scene where someone was on trial for a crime and they found DNA at the crime scene and they discovered that the DNA they found did not match the DNA of the person on trial, would the person be guilty? No, they would be acquitted because everyone knows that if the DNA doesn't match, it is not the same person. The DNA of a baby in the womb is different than the mother. As a matter of DNA-based, court-verifiable, scientific evidence, it is not the same person.
- Babies in the womb often have a different blood type than their mother. They have their own set of working organs.
- Babies also have different brain waves, preferences, reflexes, and a separate nervous system. This is why all the poor mamas can't get sleep some nights when little Johnny or Julie decides to kick and do gymnastics in the womb at 2am. If the baby had the same nervous system, the mama could say "stop it!" and it would all stop, but as we all know the baby has a mind of it's own - literally!

Science is showing what the Word of God had already told us. 3D sonograms are showing that each baby is a real, live human inside the mother! God is knitting people together in their mother's womb. Early on, evolutionary biologists thought we progressed through the stages of evolution while in our mother's womb. Crazy stuff. That's not true. Long story short, abortion is not about women's rights. It's about the rights of a child - half of whom are women!



### *FAQ #3: “What about women’s health? Ectopic pregnancies, etc.?”*

This is the push-back Peter got from my friend who is a doctor. He thought “boy I better research this!” What about women’s health? Isn’t abortion essential because of maternal health risks like ectopic pregnancies? This is an important question so let’s look at the data.

A study published in 1998 in the Journal International Family Planning Perspectives, reported on what 1,773 U.S. women who had an abortion in 1987-1988 listed as primary or “underlying” reasons for choosing abortion. 1773 study participants is a sizable data set. What the study found was very important. Only 2.8 percent of the sample said “maternal health” was the underlying reason for obtaining an abortion.

More than 97% of the women who had obtained an abortion self-reported their decision did not have to do with maternal health. If 2.8% said they had some concern about their health that influenced their decision for abortion, we know that the actual maternal health concern is likely far smaller than 2.8% as people tend to be more concerned than need to be about any sort of illness or disease. So even though less than 3% of abortions were self-reported as having been influenced by maternal health concerns, perhaps the actual number of real maternal health concerns is even lower. Let’s look at that data now ...

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) studies large scale health data in America. The CDC says “the risk of dying as a direct result of pregnancy and childbirth is less than 10 in 100,000 live births. At 22 in 100,000, the risk is higher for African-Americans.” (<http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/915>)

The risk of dying as a direct result of pregnancy and childbirth is 1/10,000. That is a microscopic risk. Again, the rate of abortion is higher than 1/5 (21%). A doctor is telling Peter “what about maternal health risk” but it appears that moms that chose abortion by and large did not chose it even because of maternal health concern. Now CDC makes it even more clear that the actual health risk to the mother with the blessing of modern medicine is 1/10,000, yet 1/5 pregnancies is ended in abortion. In other words, statically, CDC’s data would indicate that 1 out of every 2,000 abortions has a statistical validity of having a maternal health risk. For African-Americans 1 out of every 1,000 is of medical necessity for the mother’s life.

This means that more than 999/1,000 abortions are not of medical necessity for a mother’s life. And the mothers know it too - with less than 3% listing concern about their health as an underlying reason for choosing abortion. The data is clear - the maternal health concern is NOT what is driving abortion. The data doesn’t back it up.

#### FAQ #4: “What about cases of rape and incest?”

You will get his question a good bit because it is a very extreme and sad scenario. In fact, when asked to defend your pro-life stance in cases of rape and incest you may be called a “bigot” or be told “how dare you impose your beliefs on this poor women - this victim of rape and/or incest.”

Biblically, it wasn't the child sin. Killing doesn't right the sexual assault. Use this as a framework: Jesus said He came to give life and life abundantly. Satan came to steal, kill, and destroy. When a woman is raped something very precious is stolen from her - that's demonic. When a baby is murdered in the womb, that is the killing and destroying part. So if we have a rape that ends in an abortion, we have stealing, killing, and destroying in one shot. Operating on satan's side of the equation never fixes anything.

Jesus came to give life and life abundantly. Satan came to kill and destroy. Therefore pro-life is therefore pro-Christ. He came to give life and life abundantly. Abortion is anti-Christ. John 10:10 gives a formula. Abortion is anti-Christ.

*It is commonly assumed that rape victims who become pregnant would naturally want abortions. But in the only major study of pregnant rape victims ever done, Dr. Sandra Mahkorn found that 75 to 85 percent chose against abortion. This evidence alone should cause people to pause and reflect on the presumption that abortion is wanted or even best for sexual assault victims. (<http://www.abortionfacts.com/reardon/rape-incest-and-abortion-searching-beyond-the-myths>)*

Out of all the pregnancies in America, very few are resulting from cases of rape or incest (less than 1%). In addition to it being less than 1%, of that small fraction, only 15-25% of them even chose abortion. This is forming an overall number of about 1/1,000 pregnancies where an abortion may be occurring in a case of rape or incest and yet the pro-life side is told they hate women who've been raped. No we don't. Not only does killing a baby not right a sexual sin, but the data simply does not back up the idea that abortion is particularly needed for cases of rape an incest.

Even this week someone told Peter the story of a friend who was raped, who then had to hear the heartbeat of the baby before choosing to abort it and therefore chose not abort it, had the baby, and now that baby is the best thing in their lives. Praise God!

#### FAQ #5: “Won't abortion still happen - and with less safety?”

Pro-choice proponents often will say that if abortion is outlawed the clandestine abortions (“coat hangers in a dark alley”) will rise dramatically. Peter was told that his policy was going to cause women to have unsafe abortions. He thought “I hope following the Word of God wouldn't cause that to happen but I better research that.” Then he had a thought: have any countries outlawed abortion? Turns out Chile did in 1989! It was legal in Chile and then they outlawed it (abortion on

demand) in 1989. As a result Chile has data from decades of abortion being legal and about 25 years of it now being illegal. If we were making business decisions we would want to make them based on facts, correct? So if we are saying we must keep abortions legal so that women are not dying in droves from clandestine abortion attempts, it would be really good if we had facts to substantiate that claim, correct? It turns out that Chile has that exact data and it was captured in a study published in 2012! Let's look at what they found ...

*Dr. Elard Koch, an epidemiologist from the Department of Family Medicine, Faculty of Medicine at the University of Chile has reported on what has occurred there ...*

*While over 50% of all abortion-related hospitalizations were attributable to complications of clandestine abortions during the 1960s ... only 12-19% of all hospitalization from abortion can be attributable to clandestine abortions between 2001 and 2008.*

In other words, from 1960 to 2008, the rate of women ending up in the hospital because of clandestine abortion attempts has just gone down non-stop. Abortion is now out-lawed in Chile and the rate of hospitalization because of clandestine abortion attempts has continued to go down. The data get's even more clear:

*These data suggest that over time, restrictive laws may have a restraining effect on the practice of abortion and promote its decrease. In fact, Chile exhibits today one of the lowest abortion-related maternal deaths in the world, with a 92.3% decrease since 1989 and a 99.1% accumulated decrease over 50 years. CHILE's MOM's are some of the SAFEST in the WORLD as it RELATES TO ABORTION.*

Wow! Facts! Now, when scientific researchers write, they try to write in a restrained manner - in other words they try to be very conservative in their claims based on data. Yet Dr. Koch continues:

*It is necessary to remark that our study confirms that abortion prohibition is not related to overall rates of maternal mortality. **In other words, making abortion illegal does not increase maternal deaths: it is a matter of scientific fact in our study.***

How do we not hear about this data? How do the pro-choice political candidates not share this info? Abortion is a big business! Nearly 1 million operations a year! It's a big business. In fact, the abortion industry pro-actively and vigorously tried to refute this data-based research article. Dr. Koch responded and totally blew out their attempted refutation of it. They had not even read his graphs. To be honest, one of their arguments was so poor that an 8th grade science student would not have done well to have made it. And these are smart people but they don't want to believe it despite the data being right before them!

So how is it that so much of the general population could still be convinced that outlawing abortion would cause a sharp and deadly rise in dangerous, clandestine abortions? The pro-abortion side will consistently say “you are going to send women back to the alleys.” The pro-abortion organizations know this data from Chile. They have even reported on it!

So how did this erroneous idea get into the consciousness of America? Roe v. Wade was decided in 1973 by the supreme court - legalizing abortion in America. NARAL was instrumental in pushing Roe v. Wade through. They are now called Pro-Choice America. Bernard Nathanson, co-founded NARAL and sometime after the passage of Roe v. Wade got saved. He then started speaking out against abortion - having previously been part of the leadership for legalizing it. He later admitted:

*We aroused enough sympathy to sell our program of permissive abortion by fabricating the number of illegal abortions done annually in the U.S. The actual figure was approaching 100,000 but the figure we gave to the media repeatedly was 1,000,000. Repeating the big lie often enough convinces the public. The number of women dying from illegal abortions was around 200-250 annually. The figure we constantly fed to the media was 10,000. These false figures took root in the consciousness of Americans convincing many that we needed to crack the abortion law. Another myth we fed to the public through the media was that legalizing abortion would only mean that the abortions taking place illegally would then be done legally. In fact, of course, abortion is now being used as a primary method of birth control in the U.S. and the annual number of abortions has increased by 1500% since legalization.* (<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/controversy/abortion/confessions-of-an-ex-abortionist.html>)

The American people were fed a self-admitted, deliberate lie in the 60's and 70's about the statistics of clandestine abortions. Chile has longitudinal, country level data to confirm the same: making abortion illegal does not increase maternal deaths. Won't abortions still happen if we outlaw them - and therefore less safely? Chile's data is clear, the answer is NO! And it turns out the whole basis of that argument was a lie to begin with.

### ***FAQ #6: “Isn't abortion a medical decision between patient and doctor?”***

You will often hear this argument. “That's for a patient to decide with their doctor.”

Abortion is not medicine. You can say that again. Abortion is not medicine. Medicine is beautiful, it saves lives. Abortion ends lives. Abortion is murder - it is not medicine. Abortion is murder - it is not medicine.

It has been a big, fat lie that they have tried to convince you that abortion is medicine. There are Ob-Gyn's that weep as they deliver a beautiful baby into the world - and then the same ob-gyn under the same medical license goes and kills a baby later. What they have convinced themselves of is that

when the baby is wanted, pregnancy is a good thing, but when the baby is not wanted, the pregnancy is a disease. Truth is not relative to our emotions.

When doctors become doctors, they read the Hippocratic Oath. Do you know that the Hippocratic Oath has been revised to accommodate abortion? Would you like to hear the original Hippocratic Oath from Greece? This is as translated by Michael North from the National Library of Medicine (2002): *“I will not give a lethal drug to anyone if asked, nor will I advise such a plan, and similarly I will not give to a woman a pessary to cause abortion.”* ([https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/greek/greek\\_oath.html](https://www.nlm.nih.gov/hmd/greek/greek_oath.html))

The original Hippocratic Oath is clear. No euthanasia for doctors - nor will they advise someone how to kill themselves. Similarly (in the same way), doctors vowed to not give an abortion causing drug to a woman. From the beginning, Greek doctors swore not to kill people because medicine is supposed to extend a life, not end a life. The Greeks did not have 3D sonograms back then and generally were probably not Christian. They just knew it was a baby in the mother's womb and that they were in the business of medicine - not in the business of murder.

Abortion is not a medical decision between a medical doctor and their patient because it is not medicine - it is not a medical decision - it is a moral decision. This is why Peter believes it was particularly powerful that then Presidential Candidate Trump on October 20th, 2016 responded to Candidate Clinton's defense of abortion (even partial-birth abortion) with a simple, yet emphatic MORAL statement “it's just wrong. It's wrong.” So many politicians have been impotent on this issue because they have been engaging in a political conversation instead of a moral one. Then Candidate Trump released an emphatic moral statement about abortion. Peter believes that something started to break in our country when someone in high places started to speak not on a social basis or political basis - but on a moral one! It's murder, not medicine.

#### *FAQ #7: “What about their life after birth?”*

“What about their life after birth?” is not how you will generally hear this question. It is nearly always dressed up in one way or another to make it sound like love. You can put as many clothes on a pig as you want but it is still a pig.

Said plainly, the pig of a question is “what about their life after birth. I don't think it will be good; we ought to kill them.” But is always dressed up “they don't have a dad in the house ... mom is financially strapped and already has 4 kids ... they are homeless after all ...” These circumstances all pull at your heart strings. But the proposition that a baby should die because they could have a hard life. What a crazy line of logic! It's demonic. Our battle is not against flesh and blood, but the spiritual forces over this present age. The person making this argument is just deceived and we love this person. We love the abortion doctor. We love the person who chose abortion. The spirit is what the issue is. We are driving out the buzzard not the people.

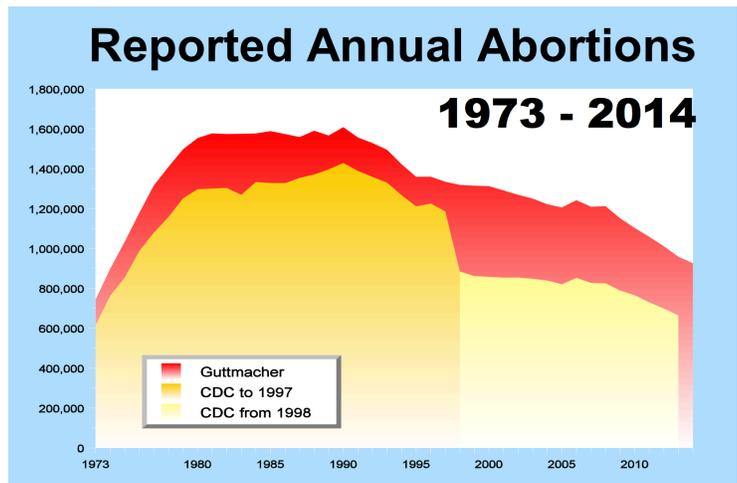
Oprah Winfrey grew up in a Milwaukee ghetto. She has done OK. Leonardo Del Vecchio started Ray-Ban and Oakley sunglasses (billionaire) after growing up in an orphanage. JESUS was supposedly born “out of wedlock in a stable to a very young mother.” The story is never over with God. It is never our business to end

someone's life because we think that the story is over. It's always God's business to redeem everything. Even Adam and Eve managed to screw up paradise. No one is born into a perfect situation. We just need to get saved, renew our minds, and thereby express God's will on earth.

### *Progress is Happening*

Hearts can change and are changing! The co-founder of NARAL got saved and started speaking out against abortion. The lady in Roe v. Wade has turned and started speaking out against abortion herself. Brad's friend who got two abortions got saved and now speaks out against abortion. The gentleman Peter ate breakfast with who had performed many abortions started a pro-life clinic. The Lord is constantly redeeming.

We have the best abortion numbers we have seen in a long time. In the 1990's depending on which numbers you used, there were about 1.4 million abortions per year in America. Now - about 900,000. Praise God! Peter believes that is directly attributable to the work of the pro-life movement to get images of abortion in front of people enough that people can't just think it is a blob of cells any longer.



There is movement - 2 out of the 8 full service abortion clinics in Ohio have recently closed! This is cause for celebration! We have to be grateful for the progress we are seeing and also hungry to never see another baby murdered again - both/and.

Recently Agathos was able to give \$5,000 to Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) in Central Ohio. They say they can comprehensively serve a woman for \$300. Good stewards! More than 16 women were / will be served through the money that we gave! Listen to their statistics: 78% of women that come to PDHC undecided about abortion chose life! While the data is probably not this simple, if you take 16 women \* 78% ... could we have possibly been part of saving 12 babies' lives? What a wonderful place to give to!

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## Discussion Introduction (for reading as a group)

We carry the power of God wherever we go and as we are connected to the Vine, we bear His fruit naturally! We are not supposed to be conformed to the world, but instead to inform the world!

Hearts are changing about abortion in our nation. It is not a medical conversation - it is a moral one. The Bible is clear, abortion is murder and God is calling the church to speak lovingly and plainly about it. Is it possible abortion could again be outlawed in our land within the decade?

Nearly 60 million American babies have been murdered since 1973. The yearly number peaked in the 90's around 1.4 million and has since reduced to about 900,000. We must be grateful for the progress yet hungry for complete safety for our unborn boys and girls. Abortion is not rare. It is not about women's rights nor women's health, and the data is clear ... women are safer when abortion is outlawed. Infanticide happened in Bible times too - including when both Moses and Jesus were born. Who is it in this generation that satan is trying to keep from their destiny? May no more destinies be cut off from the children of our nation!

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## Points to Ponder . . .

- Did anything stand out to you or encourage you from the “prophetic dinner” testimony?
- Peter shared on Sunday about the importance of our time in the Word and in prayer - and how to (if applicable) get back to that. What about the strategy he shared is helpful?
- Thinking about the 7 FAQ's ... what stood out to you? What was helpful? What was shocking? What was encouraging or useful?
  - FAQ #1: “Isn't abortion rare?”
  - FAQ #2: “What about women's rights?”
  - FAQ #3: “What about women's health? Ectopic pregnancies, etc.?”
  - FAQ #4: “What about cases of rape and incest?”
  - FAQ #5: “Won't abortion still happen - and with less safety?”
  - FAQ #6: “Isn't abortion a medical decision between patient and doctor?”
  - FAQ #7: “What about their life after birth?”
- What are some evidences of progress in the battle against abortion in America? Do any ideas (big or small) come to you personally?