



R3ACH NEWSLETTER

SANCTITY OF LIFE

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

John 10:10 NLT

This passage in John is one of my favorite scriptures in the Bible. I love the fact that Jesus came to give us life and life in all its fullness! Think about it - What a promise! Not just that we would have life, but life to the full extent, to the full potential that he has for us. However, unfortunately we have an enemy who daily tries to steal that fullness, and not just the fullness, but to kill and destroy even life itself.

I don't believe that Satan can foresee the future, but I do believe he can sense and see potential. Looking throughout the Bible, at two of the most important events in the world's history, this was extra evident.

First, let's look at the time right before the Israelites being liberated from Egypt. (Exodus 1) Up until this time, Israel had never been a nation, just a family, and at this point they were in slavery, in bondage in Egypt. But that was about to change. A baby was to be born, who would become the leader of the nation, a leader that would bring the people into freedom. That man was Moses. However, Moses almost didn't survive his first year alive.

"When you are helping the Hebrew women during childbirth on the delivery stool, if you see that the baby is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, let her live." Ex 1:16

Pharaoh decreed that all males were to be killed, and unless the Hebrew midwife's had chosen to obey God, not Pharaoh, Moses would not have lived to become the liberator God created him to be! I believed this genocide was a scheme of the Devil to try to hinder God's plan to be fulfilled!

Fast forward 1400 years to the birth of Jesus. The most important birth of the world had just taken place, the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The world was about to change forever, the Messiah to die for our sins. Again, the fury of the Devil kicked in and through Herod, the next genocide took place, intended to destroy God's plan of salvation:

¹⁶ ..., he [Herod] was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi.

As we know, God sent an angel to warn Joseph about the danger and he took his family and fled to Egypt, thereby escaping the slaughter. Jesus went on to live on to 33 years later, die on the cross, in God's perfect timing, and ultimately giving us the chance to life, and to have it to the full. But it was a close call... both during these very important moments in history, the enemy went after the infants.

Fast forward to our day and age... I believe we're at the cusp of something huge. Of God yet again being about to do something world changing. We might be in the very days of Jesus' soon coming return!

The enemy is again scared, and thrust into action! The strategy is the same, the tactics has changed slightly. The devil is trying to take out a whole generation right in front of our eyes, but not by mass genocide of infants, as that would not be allowed in this day and age. However, a more sinister plan was hatched and has been perfected. A plan to end life, right after conception, before the child has even seen the light of day. To end life, right in the mothers womb.

No longer is it in the form of an authoritarian dictator issuing a decree, it is done in the name of convenience and choice. A world is watching from a far, letting it be done...

That is not ok! Something must be done! We must take a stand for life! Take a stand for life, and life in all its fullness!

This month we are looking closer at the horror of abortion and some ways that you can be involved in making a difference. I hope you will join me in saying enough is enough! Let's get educated, let's get involved and let's get passionate!

For the Kingdom,
Sam



WHAT CAN BE DONE

We must do something to stop this, and fortunately, there is many ways you can get involved! Here are some ways:

PRAY!

A great place to start is to pray! Pray that the hearts of people considering abortion would be opened to the truth of what abortion really does, not only to the fetus, but to the mother as well. Pray that the mothers would chose life, would chose to deliver the baby. Pray for people would make the choice to adopt a child from a mother unable to care for the child. Pray for legislation to be changed and Roe vs. Wade would be repealed. Pray about getting involved in a practical way you! See www.40daysforlife.com for how you can join others in silent prayer in public places etc.

ADOPT!

Consider adopting a child! Many mothers would carry the child full term IF they knew the baby would be cared for, so if more people would consider adopting a child, it would help abortion drop!

SERVE!

In recent years, abortion rates have dropped and according to a Time Magazine article, crisis pregnancy centers have played an important role in decreasing the numbers of abortions. We are fortunate to have CPC just around the corner here in Longview. Consider donating time and/or money to their work, helping them provide lifesaving services to mothers considering whether to abort or to keep their baby. CPC also has an incredible ministry to women who have had abortion in the past, bringing restoration and God's forgiveness in a very powerful way.

EDUCATE!

Most people don't realize the effects, implications or how gruesome abortions really are, that a lot more is at stake than the choice or convenience of the mother. Become an advocate for pro-life around you.

VOTE!

Another way to be involved is to vote for candidates that are pro-life. This year is an election year, so take that into consideration as you go to the polls later this year. You can also contact your Senators and Representative to let them know your stance when issues pertaining to the sanctity of life come up in Congress or the Senate.

FOR MORE INFO & RESOURCES

Caring Pregnancy Ctr,
longviewcaringpregnancycenter.com
Abort73 – www.Abort73.com
Bound 4 Life – www.bound4life.com
Heartlink – www.heartlink.org/
Focus on the Family – www.family.org
40 Days for Life – www.40daysforlife.com

ABORTION STATISTICS

The following are facts and statistics gathered from the most-cited sources regarding abortion. Ultimately, to know the truth is to know more than just the facts and numbers. Truth is a person, so it's not an encounter with an idea that will adequately change us. It is an encounter with God that will bring true transformation. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." Minds can be swayed by facts, but an encounter with the Lord changes both hearts and minds.

- In 2008, approximately 1.21 million [abortions](#) took place in the U.S. That is over 3300 per day/365 days a year.
- From 1973 through 2008, nearly 50 million legal abortions have occurred in the U.S.
- In New York City, the 2007 abortion ratios was 737 abortions per 1,000 live births.
- In 1998, more than 23% of legal induced abortions were performed in [California](#).
- Nearly half of pregnancies among American women are [unintended](#); about 4 in 10 of these are terminated by abortion.
- 22% of all U.S. pregnancies end in abortion.
- 1 in 5 pregnancies worldwide end in abortion.
- 42 000 000 pregnancies worldwide end in abortion.

REASONS FOR ABORTIONS:

- 98% Personal Choice (unwanted or inconvenient)
- 1.7% Life/Health of Mother or Child
- .3% Rape/Incest

We can change these statistics... Let's do it together!

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Ps 139:13-14 NIV

UPCOMING R3ACH EVENTS

Jan 22 (Sun) – R3ACH Portland/REAL.LIFE Exhibit -

Feb 23-24 (Fri-Sat) – The Justice Conference
Portland, OR – <http://thejusticeconference.com/>

Mar 11 (Sun) – Mwamba Children Choir - FHC

Mar 25 (Sun) – R3ACH Portland

Apr 20 – May 5 – Uganda Mission 2012

Jul 28 – Aug 5 – Dream Center '12

Summer 2013 – UK Mission Trip