

# Subtle Statements & Lasting Truths

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**Romans 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

## DEMONIC WARFARE

- January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973 *Roe v. Wade* (45 years)

Sound of abortion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EdTjLZPnvKM> (listen don't show)

*There is no such thing as your truth... there is only truth and your opinion – Ben Shapiro*

**Number 1 killer worldwide in 2018... abortion**

- 4 out of 10 pregnancies end in abortion (pg. 3)

- 1.21 million in the US every year. (Down 8% since 2000)

- 43% of women aborting babies identify themselves as protestant... 27% catholic (pg. 4)

## What is It?

**Forensic DNA would tell you that it is life, human life, gender, nationality, etc.**

*Single cell of the just conceived zygote put it next to a chimpanzee cell, and "a geneticist could easily identify the human." – It's apparent!*

**(No such thing a neutral or nonspecific cell... they are all specific to what they are!**

## When Does Life Begin?

- 18 days **Heart is forming and eyes are developing**

- 21 days **Heart is actively pumping blood throughout the body**

- 28 days **Arms and legs are developing**

- 30 days (4+ weeks) **He or she has a brain and has multiplied in size 10,000x**

- 35 days (5 weeks) **mouth ears and nose are taking shape**

- 45 days **Brain waves can be recorded and a heartbeat which began 3 week earlier, can be detected.**

- 42 days (6 weeks) **Skeleton has formed and the brain is controlling the movements of muscles and organs.**

**This is when the majority of women begin to realize they are pregnant**

- 45 days: **Only 1/30<sup>th</sup> of an ounce it has all the internal organs of the adult in various stages of development.**

- 8 weeks **Hands and feet are almost perfectly formed**

- 9 weeks **A child will bend fingers around an object placed in the palm  
Perfect somersault, backflip and scissor kicks.**

**All this happens in the first trimester – when abortion is “legal”**

In the remaining six months in the womb, nothing new develops or begins functioning. The fully intact child only grows and matures

**Judicially/Legally:**

These are both federal crimes

At the Medical University of South Carolina, if a pregnant woman’s urine test indicates cocaine use, she can be arrested for distributing drugs to a minor.

Illinois - a pregnant woman who takes an illegal drug can be prosecuted for “delivering a controlled substance to a minor.”

In 2000 the US house of representatives voted unanimously to delay capital punishment of a pregnant woman until after delivery. By a vote of 417 to 0 the bill mandated that no state or federal authority, including military, may carry out a sentence of death on a woman while she carries a child in utero.”

In 2004 Congress passed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, which states that someone who intentionally kills or attempts to kill the unborn child... should be punished... for intentionally killing or attempting to kill a human being.

**Vocabulary**

**Fetus and embryo**

*“Like infant, toddler, and adolescent are terms that describe different phases of human life, the same is true to terms like embryo and fetus.”*

**Fetus: Latin word that loosely translated means offspring, young one or little child.**

Just a fetus is the same as saying just a toddler.

*“In the objective scientific sense... a one-week old fetus looks exactly like a human is supposed to look at 1 week of conception.”*

**Terminate a pregnancy:**

Pro-life movement believes a pregnancy is terminated after about 9 months.

Choicer’s are not terminating a pregnancy but a life.

**The debate is over... but the argument goes on.**

When does life start? Moment of Conception

Argument: does a woman have the right to kill?

**Taking a soft stance...**

**Proverbs 25:26 A righteous man who falters before the wicked is like a murky spring and a polluted well.**

### **Falter: to pause, hesitate or waver**

The facts are undeniable...

The arguments are clear...

The message however is muddy

*“If the message we send to our children is that marriage is miserable and children make life difficult, why would we have any expectation that they value family and life at all?”*

## Marriage

Being married doesn't mean you value marriage

Maybe marriage causes making money to be a little more difficult but life itself to be much more full.

Is marriage difficult... sometimes YES!!! Does that mean it's not worth it? NO

Anything accomplished that's admirable, that's valuable, of a prestigious nature, doesn't come easy but was absolutely worth it.

- Astronauts
- Everest
- Paul and the NT church
- 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

### **Little seeds grow big trees**

*The comments you and I make along the way will shape and influence the perspectives, passions and stances that our children are willing to make.*

*Train up a child, teach them diligently!!!*

**Genesis 2:18** And the LORD God said, *“It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”*

*“Get a wife not a life...”*

### **Interesting that of all the ways we are to relate to God it is**

1. How a bride is loved, cherished and taken care of by her husband
2. How a child looks up to and is looked after by their father

***How could these be bad... they are the best!***

### **It's one of the few inseparable bonds...**

*First introduced in 1970: No fault divorce, may be approved by man but it is not accepted by God - **Until death do we part...***

**Genesis 2:24** Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

*(Once you merge blue and pink playdough you can't get back what once was)*

- Altogether different, altogether amazing!
- You can break marriage but you can't reverse it... God can restore it!

**Mark 10:9** "Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

- Divorce is not reversing something, nor is it going back to the starting line...
- It is the severing of one flesh and just trading one set of difficulties for another.

**Not the message OF marriage but certainly the message ABOUT it...**

### **Held in High Esteem**

#### **Illustration**

**Honorable:** Something that is esteemed, held

**Hebrews 13:4** Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

### **The wealth a wife can bring**

**Proverbs 31:10** Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

- worth far above rubies: unique treasure and difficult to find.
- safely trusts: when you can trust what's happening at home you can conquer the world.
- no lack of gain

### **"Effects of Cohabitation on Financial Stability**

Cohabiting relationships are frequently unstable and of short duration. According to all economic metrics examined cohabitation produces weaker economic outcomes than marriage. Cohabiting men have less stable employment histories than married men, and cohabiting couples earn less than married households. They also have a low net worth and low net worth growth, are more likely to be poor, and create a less stable environment for children compared to married households.

### **Favor & Blessing**

**Proverbs 18:22** He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.

**Proverbs 19:14** Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, but a prudent wife is from the LORD.

Beyond an inheritance...

**Prudent, a woman who radiates from her life the fruit of the Spirit**

**A good thing:** prosperity, happiness, bountiful or abundant goodness

**Favor:** delight, pleasure

### **Honor & Prestige**

**Proverbs 31:23** Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.

Behind every good man is a great woman

***There is no vocabulary strong enough to overcome the message of an unloving husband or a disrespectful wife. Our lives will always preach louder and impact our children deeper than any out of tune statements. (without love we are clanging cymbals)***

(1 Peter 3:7/Eph. 5:25 AND Eph. 5:22/Col. 3:18-19)

## Children

### Having children doesn't make you pro-life

If you and I do not *value* children then, you may not be pro-choice, but I would argue that you may not be as pro-life as you think you are.

#### Put this on the next Bridal shower card.

**Genesis 24:60** And they blessed Rebekah and said to her: "Our sister, *may you become The mother of thousands of ten thousands; And may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them.*"

*"The mantra of our society, both in and out of the church, is the subtle but steady message that kids are simply something that is to be... endured."*

*"Sleep now because when the baby comes..."*

*"Just wait... it will get harder"*

*"Wait until they are teenagers..."*

*"Adult children aren't any easier..."*

**Matthew 18:10a** "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones,

Despise: to disdain or to think little, to think nothing of

To scorn or loathe –

*Nothing more than a burden that hinders or derails you from what you had planned.*

Flat tire, clogged toilet, losing your keys, stray cats.... Not children.

### It's A Command – initial intent authoritative command

**Genesis 1:28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "***Be fruitful and multiply***; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

- none optional

- The command was not to build empires but families for

*"After calling everything He did good and very good, why would God introduce a command that would be a hinderance, nuisance, or hurdle?"*

Amelia Bonow – cofounder of "Shout Your Abortion"

***I feel like if I am forced to create life I have lost the right to my own life. I should be the one to decide if my body creates life.***

***What do you think God thinks about abortion?***

***I think it's all part of God's plan...***

***Is it weird being defined by this one thing you did.***

***It feels like I am living my exact right life, God's plan. hahahaha***

**I am pro choice... chose not to have sex.**

**“You know they found out how that happens.”**

### **Are Awesome From The Beginning...**

**Psalm 139:13** For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb.

**Jeremiah 1:5** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”

- *I formed you* (God is still the creator God)
- *I knew you* (The Lord is very much aware of each and every individual)
- *I sanctified you* (His calling is very much unique to each and every life)

**When does life begin?** In God’s eyes... even *before* conception.

**Psalm 139:16** Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me, when *as yet there were* none of them.

When you see a new born baby... regardless of what initiated their beginning, they are a physical, tangible living work of God. **(How could that, in any way, be a bad thing?)**

### **What if it’s the result of sin? Fornication or even rape?**

- **Two wrongs don’t make a right**
- **Ok... it’s going to be an uphill climb but it will be worth it.**

### **Products Of Rape**

#### **Layne Beachley**

Mother was 17 when she migrated from Scotland to Sydney Australia  
Seven-time World Champion Surfer

#### **Frederick Douglass**

was an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. After escaping from slavery in Maryland, he became a national leader of the abolitionist movement in Massachusetts and New York, gaining note for his oratory and incisive antislavery writings.

#### **Valerie Gatto**

Miss Pennsylvania 2014  
“Something bad happened to me. A very bad man hurt me, but God gave me you.”

#### **Ethel Waters**

Famed blues and jazz singer who was the second African American ever nominated for an Academy Award

She was also an actress, author and gospel singer – His Eye Is On The Sparrow

### **Mistake or the result of an evil sin... God overrode and redeemed sin to get you here!**

If you really truly were not to have that baby God would have shut the door!

1 Samuel 1 God opens and closes the womb

### **What if they are born into a less than advantageous situation?**

**MOSES** – born into a time of killing, slavery, put in a basket and sent down the river. Grew up in pharaoh's palace (worldly) yet persevered and used to set God's people free.

Taking a life is in no way preserving it.

**By the way... if God made them, He will provide for them.**

Birds of the air

*"If you want to see God provide, have kids."*

**Jesus gave children time... (there is no substitution) attention**

**Mark 10:15-16** "Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

**I'm not ready? Heads up... you will never be ready.**

Can you give them some **attention**?

Can you raise them with some **intentionality**?

You are good to go!

Accolades

**Honor & Glory**

- *not your car*
- *not your house*
- *not your occupation or what you have built*
- *not your wardrobe or how good you look in it*
- *not social media fame (which is an illusion by the way)*
- *not your bank account*
- *not your last vacation*
- **IT'S YOUR CHILDREN!**

**Proverbs 17:6** Children's children *are* the crown of old men, and the glory of children *is* their father.

**The crown (Diadem): symbol of dignity, honor and glory.**

*It's a distinguishing mark of a king or the symbol placed upon the head of the victor*

King: the brilliance & majesty of a golden crown enveloped with jewels symbolizing honor and power, success and admiration

Victor: Olympic wreath placed upon the head of the champions

Remember being king for a day... winning a game, acing a test, nailing the job interview.

The later part of life will be dramatically influenced and shaped by what we did with our children & grandchildren in the earlier part of life.

**What will your children say at your funeral? It's not too late to change it.  
Children are the goal, not a distraction from it.**

**They are the goal aiming for or our ambition**

**Psalm 127:3-5**

Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD,  
The fruit of the womb *is* a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,  
So *are* the children of one's youth.

**Happy** *is* the man who has his quiver full of them;  
They shall not be ashamed,  
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Heritage: inheritance

Reward: profit, payment, acquiring of wealth

**Warrior without arrows**

They will be who you can reach to in times of trouble and distress

*"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see." – Neil Postman*

**Happy & Shall not be ashamed**

No embarrassment, humiliation or regret

The gates of the city is where serious matters of business, economics and war would be debated and decided. Not everyone had a position in which they were afforded the opportunity and honor of influencing different situations... a man who has children will hold a position of honor and influence.

*"The mantra of our society, both in and out of the church, is the subtle but steady message that kids are simply something that is to be... endured."*

The message of the Bible is that children are a unique blessing in which nothing can replace. Each child, from the moment of conception is uniquely created by God for a specific purpose. We are to help that child grow into whomever God has created them to be.

**John 8:32**

Abortion: Don't be the sound of condemnation and hate but the light of hope and security to a frightened world.

May we no longer cast a shadow on the very things that the Lord holds dear.

**Let's change the message,**

Marriage is not miserable,

Children are not a burden but a blessing from our heavenly Father.