January Edition: Abortion Must Stop. It Begins With You. What Are You Doing to End Abortion?

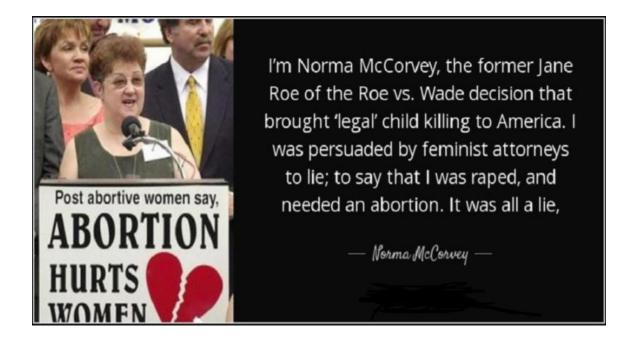


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Reviving the Passion to End Abortion



We saw the sorrow and depth of passion in the eyes of "Roe": Indeed, we were blessed to visit and pray with Norma McCorvey (a.k.a. Roe). We sang at an event at which she spoke. She was a special lady who did everything she could to right the wrong of Roe v. Wade. (She passed away on February 18, 2017.) Like Norma, we must all set out to right this horrific wrong, which devastates all family members of murdered babies.

Abortion sends heart-searing ripples throughout a family. Our hearts go out to mothers, fathers, siblings, and grandparents whose lives have been devastated by abortion. Abortion snuffs out children and their future. Abortion only adds far worse problems and does not solve anything: Abortion is the great destroyer: It takes the life of an innocent child and harms the mother. In fact, it is under-reported that abortion threatens and actually takes women's lives. (Read on to learn more in our featured article "10 Reasons Not to Have an Abortion.")

An Immoral Legality

Mother Theresa spoke truth: "It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish... Any country that accepts abortion leads to more abortion."

The preceding quote echoes with horrific accuracy: Since Roe v. Wade occurred 45 years ago, nearly 60 million babies have been killed. No exaggeration: Abortion is a genocide within our own country.

Just because something is legal does not mean that it is right. Abortion is a classic example of a horrific wrong legalized because of corrupted processes. It is important to understand how this happened:

On January 22, 1973, seven justices sided with "Roe" of Roe v. Wade. They declared that the right to privacy somehow included a mother having an abortion. The mother's "right" should not be balanced against the life of the child nor the interests of the baby's father.

The Supreme Court restricted state interference based upon the unprecedented concept of trimesters. *Roe v. Wade* reflected an astonishing divergence from the U.S. Constitution and the moral perspective of the American people. Since Roe v. Wade, there have been a moral and political debates that flood the courts and legislatures to this day.

Yet "Roe" did not even have an abortion. She was used as a playing piece in the pro-abortion movement. She later became pro-life and a tremendous advocate for unborn babies. But pro-abortion Democrats and liberals would not have you know this fact.

The Reality of Unborn Babies' Humanity

<u>Lila Rose of Live Action</u> said it well, "A child's age, level of dependency, or location doesn't change her humanity. She is a human at every stage of development."

The reality of unborn babies' humanity is a scientific fact and not a theory: Fertilization occurs when male and female haploid gametes (sperm and egg) unite to produce a genetically distinct individual. In the instant when the chromosomes form pairs, the sex of the new child is determined, hereditary characteristics received from each parent is set, and a new life has begun. Life begins at conception and deserves to be protected -no matter what people say or how they say it.

Word choices often reflect underlying values -especially in the case of abortion. Often when a baby is wanted, people call it a baby. But when the baby is not wanted, people called it a fetus as a means by which to dehumanize it.

The major media often echo the underlying beliefs of their moguls: For instance, whenever Kate Middleton has announced that she is expecting, they announce that the "royal baby" is coming. But, if a news story mentions the pregnancies of teen moms, their children are labeled as "fetuses." (Interestingly, the word "fetus" is Latin and it is defined by the Merriam-Webster dictionary as follows: "a developing human from usually two months after conception to birth." That's just another word for "baby"!)



Regardless of word choice, every life is valuable and has a God-ordained purpose. All babies are wanted by someone yet abortion clinics play mind games with the women in need of assistance. About half of American women will have an unintended pregnancy, and nearly 1/3 will have an abortion by the time they reach the age of 45 years. And the post-abortive syndrome affects them all. Suicide rates skyrocket for post-abortive women, and the rates for overall depression, cancer, fertility issues, anxiety, etc. also soar.

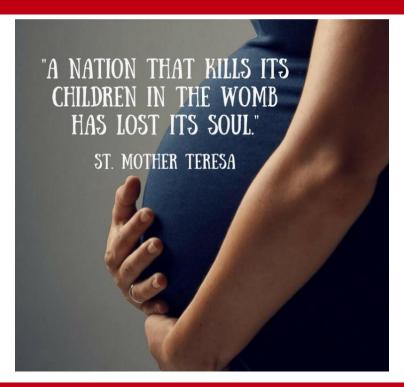
For instance, a young woman named "Patricia" knows this personally. She has shared about the literal horror that she experienced after having three abortions. She strongly pleads with other young women to stop listening to people saying that it's just a blob of tissue. She saw the hands and feet and heads when removed from the womb. It is NOT just tissue. It's not an "it". Rather, the baby is a girl or a boy.

We must not quit! We all must keep fighting the good fight to save lives and help families facing the effects of abortion. Please read this month's edition of Unite the USA for more detailed information on how you can help save lives and end abortion. Pray, take action, and never ever quit in the fight for life.

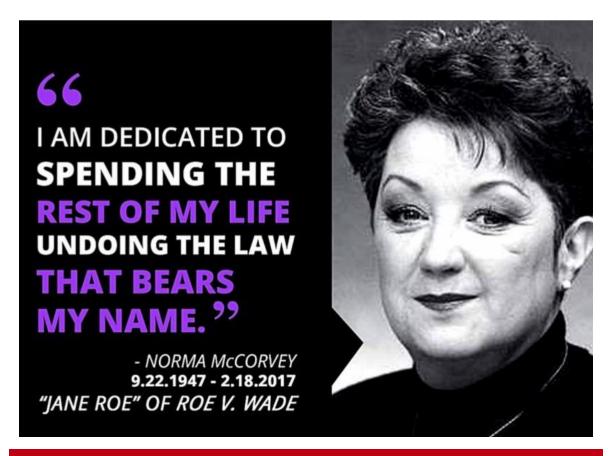
Remember: William Wilberforce fought for years and years in order to end the horrific slave trade in England. It took so long that he fought discouragement. But, with God's help, he finally won and countless lives were saved. May we all follow suit in spite of the length of the fight.

Never give up. Keep praying, keep speaking, and keep sharing God's truth with love. It's not over until God says it's over.

Featured Quote



Norma McCorvey ("Roe") Became Pro-Life



This Month's Bible Verse

"Truly children are a gift from the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward."

Psalm 127:3



Here's an inspirational video that reaffirms that life is a gift.

We are, indeed, fearfully and wonderfully made.

Sign the Petition



Planned Parenthood facilities are shutting down at a rapid pace across the country. It's time to defund the abortion giant once and for all and put an end of killing children. Protect the preborn and end abortion. Demand that Congress end the unconscionable taxpayer-funding of the abortion industry. Planned Parenthood received over \$500 million in forced taxpayer funding last year. I stand with my fellow Americans in a nationwide call to defund the nation's largest abortion corporation.

667,038 signatures have been collected so far!

<u>Click here</u> to sign the petition!

10 Reasons Not to Have an Abortion

By Kristi Burton Brown of Live Action

1) Abortion compounds tragedy.

Sometimes the circumstances surrounding a pregnancy are tragic. Perhaps the woman was raped. Maybe the baby has been diagnosed with a defect. Or the woman's health might be at risk. However, one tragedy is not answered with another. We do not erase a rape by killing a child. We do not cure a baby by taking his life. And we do not avoid all health issues by avoiding the reality of another human being.

Women who have been raped must be compassionately cared for. But compassionate care does not include executing a woman's child. Parents facing a difficult prenatal diagnosis must be given real facts and directed to others with helpful experiences. They must not be forced into a quick choice for abortion or urged to take the life of their child instead of giving her a chance to defy the odds. Women with high-risk pregnancies must be treated by real medical professionals. But treatment does not include intentionally killing a child. (If a child dies during the course of treating the woman - i.e., during chemotherapy for cancer, removal of an ectopic pregnancy, etc. - this is not an abortion.)



2) Abortion takes innocent lives.

Science could not be more clear. Unborn human beings are living, separate, and unique. From the moment of fertilization - better known as conception - a new human life is in existence. Ending this life is not ending "potential." It is ending a life. We would do well to understand the modern science that reveals the humanity of the unborn. (Here is a scientific report, quotes from textbooks, photos, and a video.) Here is an innovative new video series that uses non-graphic medical animation to demonstrate exactly what happens in the different types of abortion.

The series also describes the risks each type of abortion poses to women.

3) Abortion violates civil rights.

Civil rights are violated when people are deprived of their basic rights in a discriminatory fashion. Unborn children are deprived of life - the most basic right of all - simply based on their location (their mother's womb) and their developmental status. This is discriminatory, inhuman, and cruel.

4) Abortion punishes innocent people.

A child does not deserve to die for the crimes of his father. A five-year-old cannot be killed because his father is a rapist. A five-month-old unborn child should not be allowed to be killed for the same reason.

A child does not deserve to die because her mother and/or her father were irresponsible. A child is completely innocent. A child did not decide that his parents would have sex or that they would use ineffective contraception. An unborn child is always innocent and should never be punished.

5) Abortion can harm women.

Real-life stories demonstrate again and again that abortion harms women. Harm comes in a variety of forms - mental, emotional, relational, and physical - and in some cases, women's lives are lost through abortion. They can also experience the loss of their fertility or an increase in miscarriages after an abortion. To find out more, check out this paper, this compilation of stories, and these experiences, and <a href="mailto:these-experien

6) Abortion is damaging to relationships and families.

Any time a family member dies, the rest of the family is affected. And this is true of abortion. A real, living, irreplaceable child has been killed, and the parents and <u>siblings are damaged</u>. Fathers attempting to stop abortions should <u>read this article</u>. Siblings who need a place to express their pain should go here. And for more information on how abortion damages relationships, <u>read</u> this and this. Many women who abort just to convince their guy to stay with them find that they are left alone anyway, shortly after the abortion. Abortion is never the answer to a successful and loving relationship.

7) Abortion never goes away.

No matter how hard we try, we can never erase what abortion does. Abortion takes - it kills - an innocent human being. Time does not erase murder or ease the reality of what it is. Abortion is a cruel tragedy, but it is also a choice that should never be made. Such a choice stays with us forever.

For anyone who has already participated in abortion, while there is no way to change your past, there is a way to heal from it. Check with your <u>local pregnancy resource center</u> for post-abortion recovery programs. You can also look into <u>Rachel's Vineyard</u> or <u>Ramah International</u>. Also, check out <u>this sermon by Mark Driscoll</u>, in which he discusses how "Jesus died so murder could be forgiven." Recovery, hope, and healing are always available.

8) Abortion creates new problems.

Some people believe that having an abortion and ending a child's life will solve their problems. And in the immediate present, it may appear that the problems have been erased. Perhaps college becomes an easier option, maybe parents never find out that their daughter was pregnant, or possibly an affair remains undiscovered. But in reality, abortion only hides problems - it doesn't solve them. Many women finish college while still giving life to their babies. Many parents are far more accepting and loving than their daughters believed possible. And the truth is better than a lie, when a lie would cost an innocent person's life. In the end, that's what this is really about: our

problems are not solved through killing an innocent person. Just because it's legal doesn't make it right. And just because it's often a hidden choice doesn't mean it won't stay with you forever.

Parents often experience great pressure without being told of the great gift they've been given...

9) Abortion doesn't avoid responsibility.

Abortion is sometimes used as an easy cover-up for a one-night stand or a solution to a relationship gone bad. However, when two adults make the choice to participate in an activity known to create babies, these adults must accept responsibility. Contraception can fail. The best planning can fall apart. But responsibility should not be avoided at the cost of an innocent child's life.

Responsible people have to make hard choices sometimes. Timing may seem bad, and circumstances might be difficult. But this does not justify killing an innocent person. Choosing to raise a child is responsible. Choosing adoption for a child is responsible. But choosing abortion and denying life to a child who already exists is irresponsibly - and irreparably - wrong.

10) Abortion is NOT empowering or liberating for women.

As a woman who considers herself a feminist, I find it appalling that abortion is classified as part of "women's rights." It is not my "right" to kill my child. I should not be the only person who has the power to order my child's execution at the hand of an abortion doctor. Letting my child suffer a death in which her spine is sucked into a tube or her limbs are torn apart or her heart is stopped through poison is not empowering or liberating. These choices ought not to be choices at all. They are cruel tragedies for all involved, and they should not be permitted in a civilized nation. Women do not receive freedom through the blood of their children.

Conclusion

All women should understand <u>exactly what abortion is</u>. For more information, watch <u>these informative (and non-graphic) videos</u>. <u>This site gives information on abortion reversal</u> to anyone who may have started an abortion they now regret, specifically a medication abortion (also called the abortion pill or RU-486). <u>Here is a story</u> of reversing a late-term abortion, something <u>this organization</u> may also be able to help with. You can also call the 24-hour, nurse-staffed hotline at 1-877-558-0333 for help.



Action Points to Save Babies from Abortion

- 1. If you are pregnant and need help, please call <u>CareNet</u> at 1-800-395-HELP. You can be connected with pregnancy center in your area where you can receive support. Remember... God loves you and your baby too!
- 2. Learn how mother and baby can get in touch with pro-life Women's Centers to learn about their options and get the support they need to make a decision in favor of life! Call: 1-800-848-LOVE.



- 3. Guilt? Anger? Depression? The resources here will help those of you suffering from post-abortion stress syndrome (PASS) to find hope and healing. Call: 1-800-5-WE-CARE.
- 4. Keith and Melody Green's ministry (Last Days Ministries) has an excellent pro-life section on the web site. Please click here to learn about abortion and what you can do.
- 5. Talk to your kids and grandkids about the sanctity of life. Public schools, colleges, and universities are constantly teaching that abortion is OK. The kids in your life need your support to keep them focused on the value of life and the reasons why abortion is wrong.



- 6 . Support ministries that aid teenage mothers. Examples include <u>Bethany Christian Services</u>, <u>Birthright International</u>, <u>CareNet</u>, <u>Christian Life Resources</u>, and <u>Life Dynamics</u>. Donate time, money to Christian ministries, and help dissuade potential mothers from having abortions.
- 7. Contact your Congressmen and state legislators and urge them support anti-abortion legislation. <u>Click here</u> to find your state legislators. <u>Click here</u> to find contact information for your Congressmen.
- 8. Write letters to the editor. Make your voice heard about your pro-life position. Explain why abortion is wrong.
- 9. Vote for pro-life candidates. Research and support proven anti-abortion candidates. Help elect pro-life men and women to office.

- 10. Pray for our politicians and that Roe v. Wade will be repealed. Pray for the mothers whose hearts were broken by abortion. Pray for families whose tables are not as full as a result of abortion. Prayer is powerful!
- 11. Support ministries and organizations that are bravely fighting to stop abortion and to protect all life. Here are a few worthy pro-life groups worth your attention: <u>National Right to Life</u>, <u>John Paul II Medical Research Institute</u>, <u>Embryo Adoption Services</u>, <u>Susan B. Anthony List</u>, <u>Alliance Defending Freedom</u>, <u>Priests for Life</u>, <u>And Then There Were None</u>, and many more.
- 12. Remember that innocent, unborn children are depending on you to give them a voice. Cry out for the babies that never cry!

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John Popp of pro-veteran NRA TV interviewed national recording artists and authors, Stacie and Carrie Stoelting, to feature their continued national efforts to share God's love with veterans and honor them -one veteran at a time. Join them at <u>UnitetheUSA.org!</u>

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Unite the USA: Discover the ABCs of Patriotism is a new book by Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth Stoelting. It's a book that empowers patriots to make a big difference in the land we love. With 100+ ways to make a positive difference in America, Unite the USA is a must-have tool for patriots. Unite the USA will inspire and educate Americans to defend faith and freedom. (Important Note: All proceeds go to fund the mission of UnitetheUSA.org.) Order it here today!

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Per request from veterans who love patriotic and inspiring music sung by Stacie and Carrie, <u>In God We Still Trust</u> was recorded. From the National Anthem to "God Bless America" you will be inspired and uplifted about our God-given freedoms. All proceeds go to Unite the USA. Help promote faith and freedom in America. Your support is important and appreciated. <u>ShopBuy or download a copy today.</u>God bless you as you celebrate the red, white, and blue!

In God We Still Trust Video

Our country needs to turn to Jesus. Listen to "In God We Still Trust" for inspiration to keep "fighting the good fight". For hope and encouragement, listen to Stacie Ruth and Carrie Beth sing "In God We Still Trust".



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