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Pro-Life in a Roe-Free America; Psalm 139:13-16

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Introduction – If you are 49 years old or younger, you have never lived in a Roe-free America until 9 days ago. As believers we recognize that we have entered into a new era in our nation. So our first and foremost question then becomes how do we live out our faith in this new Roe-free America.

- I. Build a Thoroughly Scriptural Foundation and Worldview
 - a. As believers we cannot base our view of abortion on subjective opinions, emotions, personal experience, difficult questions, or talking points. We look to the objective, eternal Word of God as our foundation and our guide. It is the Truth (John 17:17), it never changes or fails (Rom 9:6), it leads to salvation (2 Tim 3:15), it makes us more like Christ (John 17:17), and it sets us free from the deception and destruction of sin (John 8:32).
 - b. Genesis 1:27 – Every baby conceived in the womb is created by God and bears His image. Therefore has purpose and meaning.
 - i. God is also sovereign over conception. When a baby is conceived, no matter the circumstance, it has been designed and determined by God. Scripture speaks of God opening and closing the womb.
 - c. Exodus 20:13. Since God creates life it is a sin to take an innocent life. Every child in the womb is innocent.
 - d. Exodus 21:22-25. God forbids the harming or taking of the unborn and considers the unborn child as a life.
 - e. Psalm 127:3-6. Children are from the Lord and are therefore a gift. Every child conceived is a blessing from God.
 - f. Psalm 139:13-16. God's creative, divine hand is at work in every intricate detail within the womb of the mother from conception to birth. What takes place in the womb is nothing less than a miracle. God has planned every pregnancy. Sometimes it just takes a while for us to see His wise, loving, master plan.
- II. Lovingly and Consistently Shine the Truth on Error

- a. Life and Personhood Begin at Conception. Psalm 139:16. During the fertilization process, 23 chromosomes from the mother unite with 23 chromosomes from the father to form a unique dna chain. That single dna contains all the information for that human being. As that single cell begins to divide and multiply, the same dna chain is replicated in every cell as the baby simply grows and matures.
- b. What about cases of rape and incest?
 - i. If we say that abortion is wrong except for rape and incest, we are placing a comma at the end of these scriptures and adding our own caveat to God's Word.
 - ii. Rape and incest are horrible, tragic, evil circumstances. But we cannot allow horrible, tragic, evil circumstances to dictate our worldview. Remember, God is sovereign over the womb. God creates life in His image. Children are a blessing from the Lord.
 - iii. God is able to take a horrible evil and bring something beautiful out of it. To terminate the child would be to punish the child for the criminal's behavior. Some question why should the mother suffer the consequences or be punished for an evil act done to her? That means we have categorized the child as a consequence or punishment instead of a blessing from God. We must keep the evil that led to conception separate from the blessing that resulted from it.
 - iv. To terminate the life of an innocent child would be to add an egregious sin to an egregious sin, which in the long run would not be in the best interest of the mother.
 - v. If the mother keeps the baby, even conceived by an evil act, she may in fact grow to love that child as it grows in her womb or if it remains too traumatic for her, she can deliver that child and give it to parents who would love to raise it. That's actually the better, biblical option. The mother doesn't have to live with the guilt of ending the life of her baby and the blessing bearing God's image gets to live.
- c. What about babies with severe abnormalities? Isn't it more compassionate to end their lives rather than bring them into this world to live a life of suffering?

- i. The Bible teaches that some of God's greatest blessings come through suffering not ease. God created that child and has a wise, good purpose whether it be to live 3 weeks or 30 years.
 - ii. To terminate the baby is to leave God out of the equation. That baby may be born perfectly healthy – it's happened before. That child may go through a series of surgeries and lead a productive life – that's happened. Or that baby may live with difficulty all his life and show the world what compassion really means – to love and care for those who no one wants to love and care for.
 - iii. I have 2 nephews that wouldn't be here today if my brother and sister were not pro-life believers. My brother's son plays the guitar and helps lead worship at his church. My sister's son preaches on a regular basis at his church. Ask Dr. Jackson whether or not his son is a blessing.
- d. What about the cases that threaten the life of the mother? Any Christian pro-life doctor will tell you abortion is never medically necessary to save the life of a mother. Instead of terminating the pregnancy, you care for the mother and allow her to carry the child as long as she can, then you take the child from the womb and do everything you can to save the life of the child. If the mother can carry the child to 21 weeks, that child has a fighting chance.
 - i. What about the ectopic pregnancy? This occurs when the baby begins to grow in the fallopian tube rather than the uterus. The baby will not survive and the mother's life is threatened.
 - ii. Treatment for an ectopic pregnancy and a miscarriage are not classified as an abortion. Here's why. The purpose of an abortion is to end the baby's life. The purpose of removing an ectopic pregnancy is to save the life of the mother. Those very different distinctions must be maintained. Treatments for ectopic pregnancies will continue in states that don't allow abortions.
- e. Not having access to abortion will cause the death of many women. This means some women who want an abortion and cannot obtain one will turn to their own means and put their lives at risk. The answer is not to allow 1,700 babies to be aborted daily, which is the US average from 2020. The answer is to double our efforts to get the

information and truth and assistance to these women so that the child is saved and given for adoption and the mother is saved as well.

- i. Women are placed in that situation because they have been lied to over and over that abortion is the only solution, it's their body, and the baby is not a baby. If we want to save women we need to tell them the truth.

III. Live a Pro-Life Life

- a. We have to be more pro-life now than ever before. If we truly believe God creates life, Christian homes must re-prioritize. We must adopt or support families who adopt. We must increase our presence and finances at pregnancy centers and Christian adoption agencies. We must reach out to moms who are frightened or pressured. Any and every thing as individuals, families, and churches that can be done, must be done. Love the mothers and save the children.

IV. With Grace and Truth Win Over the Pro-Choice Heart

- a. You won't win a single person to life by arguing and debating and condemning. We have to be loving and compelling and winsome with the truth. Prayer and patience and conversation and mercy and service grounded in truth and gospel will one by one win hearts from death to life.

Conclusion – If you have had an abortion, you can find healing and forgiveness in Christ. We can be thoroughly pro-life and still care for, love, and have the best interest for moms.