

Why God is Pro-Choice

Deuteronomy 30:14-20

ANNOUNCE/OTHER

Great Men's Commission

2nd service - Baby Dedication

[Psa 127:3-5 NKJV] 3 Behold, children [are] a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb [is] a reward. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So [are] the children of one's youth. 5 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.

INTRODUCTION

This morning as we approach this Sanctity of Life Sunday, we will be talking about issues that are sensitive in nature. As I've studied and prayed, my sermon came together as a mixture of confrontation and compassion. There is an appropriate level of righteous anger and confrontational strength that the church should carry when it comes to the permissibility, acceptance, and even worship of the practice of abortion. In 50 years, our nation has overseen the legal murders of over 65 million human beings. It's not something to pull punches on or be vague about regarding God's heart and the wickedness that has pervaded our society, promoting this culture of death.

At the same time, abortion, because it is such a tool of the enemy, has a lot of victims in its wake, and I'm not just talking about the unborn victims. The Father of all lies, Satan, has

deceived countless women and men into abortion without removing the veil regarding the severity of what's actually taking place. Praise God that He redeems. Praise God that He can use what the enemy meant for evil and turn it for good. Praise God that He can remove the blinders and bring repentance, forgiveness, and restoration to those who have travelled the road of abortion.

So, while we must address this issue confrontationally, with strength and clear conviction, we also approach those affected with humility and compassion, seeking salvation.

BIBLE PASSAGE

[Deu 30:15-20 NKJV] 15 "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, 16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; 20 that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

INTRO (CONT.)

It would be very easy to be offended simply by the title I chose for this morning's message, "Why God is pro-choice."

- But I decided that I'm not going to allow the enemy to hijack and manipulate words when it comes to the realities of abortion and choice.

When you read the Bible, you realize that God talks a lot about choices. The Bible is honest about the choices and decisions that confront us in life. Life is full of choices, and all choices

have consequences.

In the very beginning, God created Eden with choice. There were trees. There was a tree of life, and there was a tree of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. God told Adam the truth about the choices He had before Him. God told him the truth about the consequences of disobedient choices. God is pro-choice.

Well, that story also reminds us that Satan pretends to be prochoice as well... as long as he can manipulate the choices and lie about the consequences. God told the truth, "Choose

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choice won't have any negative consequences... in fact, you'll be free."

In light of the very first deception, when you hear the modern-day feminist movement on the topic of abortion, it doesn't take long to hear and see the obvious connection. **Watch what actress Michelle Williams said during her Golden Globe speech.**

Apparently to Michelle Williams, a world that looks more like women is a world where women can make sexual choices but claim that the pregnancy is "not their fault." A world where you can conveniently eradicate another human life in the name of reproductive freedom. A world where innocent human life doesn't get the opportunity to reach its full God-given potential based on what is seemingly more convenient for the stronger individual.

"Eve, you shall surely not die, for God knows that when you eat of the fruit, you will become like Him..."

Our politicians are no better... (Kamala Harris video)

APPLICATION

And please don't miss the fact that "the right to choose" was intentionally attached to "a call to vote." The same Satan who wants abortion to be normalized also wants those in power who will see to that task... and it's with a broken heart that I say, the political left, the Democratic party within the US, has taken up that call to action with zeal and fervency and has made it a main marching order as part of their platform and vision for the future of this nation. The progressive left, the Democrat party, and even so-called "Christians" who are more concerned with cultural appeasement than honoring God will tell you that pro-choice is a viable, compassionate, understandable, and morally acceptable option to opt out of the

inconvenience of having a child. Like Satan, they dress a devastating choice in deception and lies and are themselves deceived.

In reality, what the world calls “Pro-Choice” is a Satanic cover-up for pro-death, pro-pain, pro-regret, pro-despair, pro-depression, and pro-guilt.

QUOTE

“ Democrats are committed to protecting and advancing reproductive health, rights, and justice. We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every woman should be able to access high-quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion. We will repeal the Title X domestic gag rule and restore federal funding for Planned Parenthood, which provides vital preventive and reproductive health care for millions of people, especially low income people, and people of color, and LGBTQ+ people, including in underserved areas. Democrats oppose and will fight to overturn federal and state laws that create barriers to reproductive health and rights.

2020 Democrat National Platform

APPLICATION

There is a reason why Missouri, Florida, Mississippi, and Texas have all enacted legislations that excessively limit abortion, and states like California, New Jersey, and New York have basically enshrined abortion into their state's identity.

There is so much work to do. Since the overturning of Roe v Wade, the abortion rate in the US overall has dropped anotehr 6%. Unfortunately, while 10 states have seen a 100% decline due to new laws restricting abortion, surrounding states have seen an increase. Our neighbor Kansas has seen a 37% increase in abortions do to the crossing of state lines to obtain an abortion.

This tells us two major realities: First, there is much work to be done on the political and legislative front. Second, the human heart still seeks that which is wrong, which is all the more reason for the church to stand up and be fully engaged in preaching the gospel and loving their neighbor well.

PASSAGE

In Deuteronomy chapter 30, God, through Moses, presents His people with a choice. He is honest about the repercussions of the choice, and He is very clear about what the right choice is, and that they should choose it!

What are the offers on the table?

- Life or death, blessings or curses, good or evil, prosperity or despair.
- There are three incredibly powerful words in verse 19. **"Therefore, choose life."**

When Jesus made the statement, "The thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy, but I have come that they may have life and that more abundantly," he was not merely talking about eternal life. His desire is for every person created in the image of God to experience life to the fullest, having the opportunity to have a relationship with their creator and experience His purposes for them.

Whether it's God's command to "choose life," or Christ's offer for "life more abundantly" or the words of Psalm 139, **"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well. ... 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,"** the Bible shouts something about the nature of God: God is a God of life who gives all people the ability and freedom to choose life over death.

1 God Presents Choice

APPLICATION

Twice in the passage in verses 15 and 19, the statement is made, "See, I have set before you."

- Regarding the abortion argument, no one is denying that there aren't choices offered or decisions that must be made. But only God is honest about what those choices are, their implications, and their ultimate ramifications.
- When you have set before you life and good, death and evil, blessing and cursing, the best place to go to know how to make the right decision is God. He created you. He has laid out what brings about blessing. And God says, "Choose life."
- I could sit and argue the science behind human life, but quite frankly, it's become a bit of a joke as a pro-abortion argument because science is so advanced that the reality of a unique human life instantly occurs at conception. It is no longer the potential for human life; it is a human life.
- This is why they've had to change their language from "life" to "person." It doesn't matter if that's a human life, they aren't a self-sustained person yet, and personhood is what really matters... maybe to secular humanists, but to God, human life, created in His image, is what matters.
- Anything Satan can do to try and dehumanize the unborn child in the eyes of the bear, he will do. He will classify the unborn as "a clump of cells." Instead of calling it "a baby human being, he'll just call it the undeveloped embryo. He will seek to ease our consciences by using impersonal scientific terms and do everything within his power to keep the unseen baby invisible so that we don't have to see the real-life concentration camps within the walls of Planned Parenthood.

APPLICATION

But choosing life is always the right decision. It's not always an easy decision. Initially, it may not seem like a convenient decision. But it is a decision that can yield tremendous blessings through obedience to God. We've come across some powerful stories in our own church and community that bring life to these words.

Listen to the Armstrongs share their powerful testimony.

2 God Redeems Choices

APPLICATION

If we rewind a bit in chapter 30, we see that even when God placed the choices before us, tells us the truth, warns us against the wrong choice, and tells us the right choice, we can still choose death, choose the curse, choose the devastating repercussions of sin. Israel did this on many an occasion. But notice the promise the Lord makes to them in His compassion and mercy.

[Deu 30:1-3, 6-8 NKJV] 1"Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you, 2 and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ... 6 And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. 7 Also the LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you. 8 "And you will again obey the voice of the LORD and do all His commandments which I command you today."

APPLICATION

The beauty that always lies at the core of the gospel is the compassionate, redemptive power of God upon those who call upon His name. There's not a single human being going to heaven who has not had the marks of guilt and the stain of sin washed from their lives by the mercy and grace of Jesus.

- Personally, I believe the Bible teaches that there is far greater accountability to those who knowingly deceive others than to those who are unwittingly deceived. Jesus said,

"Offences must come, but woe to the one by which they come." Woe to those who know the murderous nature of abortion and propagate it still. Woe to those who understand the brutality of what happens to the unborn and still practice it for the financial gain that comes out of it.

- There are so many women who get abortions under the sway of deception. Yes, they hear that small warning within their conscience, but it has been deadened and muted by the louder voices of acceptance in the culture.
- Don't hear me wrong. I'm not minimizing the dreadful nature of choosing death, or the fact that consequences still come to fruition whether you're aware of what you're doing or are walking in ignorance.

What I am saying is that if you have chosen death, and have, or are, coming to the realization of that choice and the pain and shame it's caused, there is still hope. God doesn't throw away sinners. In fact, the Word declares in Romans 9, Romans 10, and 1 Peter 2, **"Whoever believes in Him will by no means be put to shame."** Even those who have chosen death in the past can have a new chance to choose life today.

Watch to Jodi Thompson's powerful testimony.

3 God Chooses Life for Us

BIBLE PASSAGE

[Eph 1:3-6 NKJV] 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, 4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, 5 having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

[Eph 2:4-6 NKJV] 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

APPLICATION

Now, today is not the day I'm going to try to talk about the complexities of predestination and free will, but I want to point out something a bit less obscure.

- When we come to Christ, God's attitude toward us isn't, "It's such an inconvenient time to have another child." God doesn't cast us away from himself; rather, he embraces us as members of His family. It wasn't when we were deserving. It wasn't when we were clean. It wasn't when we were convenient. No, in His grace and mercy, he adopted us as sons and daughters, clothed us in His righteousness, brought us from death to life, accepted us in His love, and sat us in the highest places of heaven with Christ.

I can't help but be moved by the adoptive heart of God in this picture. Now, whether you believe adoption should be a mandate for every believer or you see that it is within the scope of God's calling on certain people's lives, we must agree that it reflects God's heart and is a very powerful tool in the building a culture that values each life.

Listen to another powerful testimony from Justin and Raelynn.

HOUSE OF REFUGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Today, I'm excited to announce that we have partnered with LoveLife to become an official House of Refuge for their nationwide organization. This implies that our church can become a safe space and helpful community for any woman who has found herself in an unexpected pregnancy and feels like they aren't sure they have what it requires to choose life. It's true that In Missouri, we don't have an active abortion clinic, but Kansas does. And just because someone can't get an abortion in Saint Joe's doesn't mean that there aren't many women who are contemplating it within our community.

So, you can help us by being a living advertisement. What we are doing is not in place of our local PRC, which we ardently support, but in partnership with them. The more women we can get into a healthy, thriving, Christ-centered community through their pregnancy, the better!

I'd like to read you the official House of Refuge statement that we've adopted from Love Life.

STATEMENT

Grace Calvary Chapel is a House of Refuge; this applies to everyone in this church or people you know that need a place of Refuge.

Here's what we believe:

If you find yourself in an unplanned pregnancy, please know that being pregnant is not a sin, and the child you carry is not a punishment; it is a blessing. God is knitting this child in your womb. You may have made a sinful decision that led to this pregnancy, or you may have even been sinned against, but we want you to know you are loved, and we will do whatever it takes to help you carry and care for this precious child before and after birth.

We can never support or encourage a woman to have an abortion because the child you carry is made in the image of God and is intrinsically valuable and loved by God. You need to know how we will respond.

Here's what we won't do:

This church family will not gossip about you, shame you, or abandon you. This is a House of Refuge, and we will not allow for the family of God to harm one another with words or actions contrary to the Love of God as revealed in his Word.

Here's what we will do:

We will do everything in our power to remove whatever obstacles stand in the way of you having this child. There are people in this church ready to mentor you, throw you a baby shower, and connect you with resources inside and outside of our church (local pregnancy care center). We will also hold men accountable for living out their calling to provide and protect women and children.

Finally, if you have ever had an abortion in your past, we want you to know that abortion is not an unforgivable sin. Whoever confesses and forsakes their sin finds mercy. If you have never gone through a post-abortion Bible study, we will be happy to connect you to one so that you can walk in complete healing and freedom.”

