Abortion

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INTRODUCTION

- This morning we're going to talk about a very sensitive topic, and that's abortion, life choice, what rights are there?
- I want to try to present it to you both from the standpoint of what Scripture says, but since most people won't listen to us, some of the secular arguments that we can use against abortion.

1 What Does the Bible Have to Say

Exodus 21:22–25; Jeremiah 1:5; Luke 1:41–44

- We're to respect human life, and that becomes very important when we think about abortion.
- God has a concern for the unborn child.
- Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you. God knew and knows every child that's formed in the womb.
- This great sadness when something happens to the unborn child.

2 Abortions Happening at a Rampant Pace

- These numbers are minute compared to abortions that take place in our country.
- It's 1.3 million abortions per year, 3,000 per day.
- Abortions on demand is available in most parts of the United States for just about any reason.
- So again I would point out to you it's not a trivial problem in this country.

3 Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Psalm 139:14; Proverbs 6:16–17; Genesis 1:27

- David, the king of Israel, declared, I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
- There are six things which Jehovah hateth. Yes, seven which are abomination unto him, haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood.
- Tell me what blood is more innocent than that of a tiny infant not yet fresh from the womb.
- Human beings are not simply animals. We were created in the image of God.

4 When Does Human Life Begin?

- A zygote is the beginning of a new human being.
- Human life begins at conception, not at two weeks or four weeks or some other time.
- 78% of abortions take place after six weeks. After the heart is beating and after the brain is functioning.
- Abortion stops a beating heart.

5 Some of the Moral Arguments

- Women are not forced to keep their children adoption is always an option.
- One evil does not make another evil right and we need to keep that in mind.
- Being wanted is not a condition of the child but of the adult.
- It has a separate circulating system and it has its own unique DNA, its own unique genetic makeup, which is different from its mother.

6 The Fetus Is Not a Person

- Personality is really the definition, it's a problem in definition. Does a human non-person exist?
- Society is excluded, certain humans from personhood before. Certainly in this country, slaves were excluded from personhood.
- On the basis of functionally defined personhood, newborns fail the test and could be killed on the basis of non-personhood.
- We were all at one time a fetus. When did you go from non-person to person status?

MY NOTES