



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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This week's Topic: The Temptation: Rape or Incest



Education: Many people hold onto the justification of abortion in the “hard cases” of rape and incest, feeling compassion for the women who been victimized. However, the consensus opinion of women who became pregnant after sexual assault was that they did not want abortions and if they did abort in response to pressure, they reported that the abortion only increased their experience of grief and trauma.¹ Those who chose life did not regret their decision. "Many of these women said that their children had brought peace and healing to their lives."²

However a child is conceived, he or she is still a precious new life, and does not deserve to be killed because of the crime of the father. In the case of incest, an abortion in addition serves to hide the sexual abuse rather than give the exposure that may lead to ending the abuse.

1. Reardon, David, Julie Makimaa and Amy Sobie (ed), *Victims and Victors: Speaking Out About Their Pregnancies, Abortions, and Children Resulting from Sexual Assault*, Acorn Books, 2000.

2. Reardon, David, "Rape and Incest Victims Reject and Regret Abortions: New Book Surveys 192 Victims", retrieved on 4/16/2010 from <http://www.afterabortion.org/news/Victims.html>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women and girls who suffer sexual assault or abuse. We thank You for the biological protection that makes pregnancy in these cases quite rare. We trust in your plan, Lord; we know that You do not make mistakes! We know that You have a beautiful plan for every child that You create; You make them in your own image and give them as a gift to the world, with the ability to build up your kingdom. Help mothers who become pregnant in these circumstances to accept their children and love them, whether they make an adoption plan or parent themselves. Help everyone who encounters these children to treat them with respect as the special creations of your love.



Action: The next time someone says that they condone abortion in the case of rape or incest, gently share that while other people may think abortion is a compassionate answer, the mothers themselves do not necessarily agree! The child is HER child as well as his. Every child is created by God in His image –and He doesn't make mistakes. No child deserves to be killed because of the crime of his or her father.

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