Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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Abortion Movement Based on Lies

Education: When NARAL (National Association for the Repeal of Abortion Laws, later changed to National Abortion Rights Action League) was fighting to legalize abortion, they claimed that tens of thousands of women were dying every year from illegal abortions. Bernard Nathanson later admitted that the figure was a totally fictitious number – a lie. When Norma McCorvey sought an abortion, she claimed that she had been raped. That was also a lie. But the two basic lies that the abortion industry still relies on are 1) A child in the womb is not a human person, and 2) Abortion helps women; women need abortion. Both of these statements are false.

Any honest biologist can tell you that there is no question that human life begins at fertilization, when egg and sperm join together. The child in the womb differs from people outside the womb only by **S**ize, **L**evel of development, **E**nvironment, and degree of **D**ependence (SLED). None of these differences justify denying personhood to the preborn, since born humans also have varying sizes, levels of development, environments, and degrees of dependency, yet we are all equally human and valuable. The preborn is a separate and complete human being, with all the features needed for his or her stage of development, and deserving of basic human rights. Ending the life of a preborn baby is no different than ending the life of the same child after birth, whether as a newborn or at age 2 or age 10.

Abortion may eliminate some serious problems presented by the pregnancy, and therefore seem to help women in the short term. But over the long term women –and men – suffer greatly from the consequences of abortion. There are other solutions to the problems that a pregnant woman may be facing, and the pro-life movement is more than willing to help a woman to deal with the consequences of her pregnancy without sacrificing the life of her baby. Many women have succeeded in various careers while being mothers. While some sacrifices may be necessary because of a pregnancy, women do not need abortion to be happy. Pregnancy only lasts nine months, and if a woman feels unable to parent, she can make an adoption plan for the child. Of course many women find raising a child to be the most fulfilling and joyous aspect of their lives.

Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women and girls who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy. Help them to trust in You and to find the support they need to cope with the pregnancy and resist any coercion they may be facing. Please help everyone in the community to understand the truth that abortion kills a precious child and harms women physically and emotionally. In fact it harms both parents as well as other family members or others involved in the decision. Help everyone wounded by abortion to know your mercy and healing.

Action: Memorize the four ways (SLED) that preborn children differ from humans after birth. When someone expresses support for abortion because preborn children are 'just tissue" or not human, or not persons, be ready to reply. Agree that preborn children are different that people after birth. But a newborn is also smaller, less developed and completely dependent on others. Whether inside the womb or outside, it is the same child – a human person.