



Christian Voices for Life

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What to Say and What NOT to Say



Education: There have been several valuable books written to answer pro-abortion arguments. The founders of 40 Days for Life, Shawn Carney and Steve Karlen, added their own book in 2021, *What to Say When*,⁽¹⁾ and followed it with a sequel, *What to Say When 2* in 2024. What's different about these books? In Chapter One of the first book, "Go on Offense," the authors point out that rather than defending why we see abortion as wrong, the value of life should be the default, and the pro-abortion person should have the burden of proof as to why it is acceptable. They suggest asking 4 or 5 questions and listen respectfully to their answers before presenting your own point of view. A list of helpful questions is provided, such as "Is there a point in pregnancy when you would say that abortion is wrong?" or "Do you think infanticide is ever justified?" Chapter 2 is titled "What NOT to Say". One example is to say that rape only accounts for 1% of abortions, so should not be used to justify all abortions. That's true, but you seem to be conceding the point that abortion would be acceptable in the case of rape. If you say "We believe life begins at conception," that implies that when life begins is an opinion or matter of faith rather than biological fact.

What to Say When 2 is a sequel written to address the changed atmosphere of Post-Roe America, and new issues that have arisen. Abortion supporters have become more hostile and aggressive than ever. Laws against mailing abortion pills are being openly flaunted, and violence has increased, as seen by the attacks on pregnancy centers and Catholic churches after the leak of the Dobbs decision to reverse Roe.

Both books are available at [Books - 40 Days for Life](#) and on Amazon.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help more and more pro-life people to become well equipped to help their friends and contacts to see that science and the basic belief in human rights show that abortion, the deliberate killing of a preborn child, is always wrong. Help them to remain calm and respectful as they discuss the topic, but have the courage to contribute truth to the discussion rather than silence. Please open the minds and hearts of men and women who are pro-choice, and help them to see the evidence and logic that will lead them to a change of heart.



Action: Be pro-active in preparing yourself to discuss abortion in a way that will help others to see the truth and logic of the pro-life position. In addition to the books mentioned above, *ProLife Answers to ProChoice Arguments* by Randy Alcorn, and *The Case for Life* by Scott Klusendorf are other helpful books. [Equal Rights Institute](#) offers a video class on pro-life apologetics for \$49, as well as a regular podcast, and extensive material on their website. [Justice for All](#) offers both online interactive workshops and learn at home options at no cost.