



Christian Voices for Life

Wednesday Word

Education

Prayer

Action

I'm Pro-life - Except in the case ...



Education: Many people agree that abortion is wrong in most cases, but in the case of rape, incest, or a severely handicapped child, they think it is justified. Certainly, rape is a terrible thing and we want women to recover and heal. Yes, a child with Downs syndrome or another handicap will have a life that is different from other children. But would the fact that a child has been conceived in a difficult situation, or has a handicap justify killing a child after birth? Of course not. So, if a pre-born child has the same right to life as a born child, that fact remains true in any circumstance. It doesn't make sense to make an exception.

Many people believe that a pregnancy after rape would be traumatic for the mother, but while the rape was traumatic, women still suffered from the abortion after having healed from the rape. The majority of victims choose to have their babies. Those who abort often do so because of pressure from others, and deeply regret the decision. (1) The husband of a victim of rape said "This is a gift. This is something wonderful that's come out of something so painful for us." (2)

Research has shown that individuals with handicaps, once they have time to accept and adapt to their new situation, can have a high quality of life. Levels of life satisfaction for those with spinal cord injuries were not profoundly influenced by the degree of impairment of function, but rather high levels of satisfaction were associated with good social support and functional independence. (3)

1. <https://afterabortion.org/victims-and-victors-speaking-out-about-their-pregnancies-abortions-and-children-resulting-from-sexual-assault/>
2. [Pregnant from rape - Jennifer shares her powerful story](#)
3. <https://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-27554754>



Prayer: Dear Lord, please have mercy on all those who hold on to 'exceptions' to the immorality of abortion. Help everyone to realize that the value of a preborn child does not in any way depend on the circumstances of his conception, or a possible handicap. Give women in very difficult circumstances the wisdom and courage to accept their precious baby as a gift, as something wonderful that they are being entrusted with, regardless of the circumstances. Help them to find whatever support and help they need to feel able to cope with the pregnancy, whether it is from their partner, family or friends, or a nearby pregnancy center.



Action: Be on the lookout for someone who defends abortion in the case of rape or a severe handicap. In the case of rape, agree that rape is a terrible thing to happen to any woman, but abortion does not "undo" the rape, and abortion can be an even worse trauma for the woman to experience. The baby is her baby, too, and has as much right to life as every child in the womb. Handicapped individuals can still

have a high quality of life when they are loved and supported. Gently ask if they believe that the circumstances of conception or any kind of handicap change the value of a born child. Then why would any of those circumstances justify killing the same child before birth?