Christian Voices for Life

Wednesday Word

Education
Prayer
Action

Abortions: Legal but Unsafe

Education: Annette was 18 and living on her own. She had an IUD and used contraceptive foam but got pregnant anyway. She had an abortion. About a week or so later, she went to the doctor with abdominal pain, fever, and vaginal discharge. The doctor told her she had pelvic inflammatory disease(PID). He also said "this is what you get for having an abortion."(1) PID can be caused by sexually transmitted infections, or by any procedure that involves putting instruments into the uterus. (2) If not treated quickly, PID can cause blocking of the fallopian tubes, which can cause ectopic pregnancies or infertility.

Joyce moved in with her boyfriend shortly after high school. Two years later she got pregnant and they both quickly agreed on an abortion. Several months later, she was pregnant again. This time she wanted to keep the baby, but was pressured by her boyfriend, and had another abortion. This time it was more painful. She sobbed violently and additional staff came in to hold her arms. After crying in pain in the recovery room, she had to return to the procedure room, since they had not removed the entire fetus. The second procedure was even more painful than the first. She later learned that her uterus had been severely tilted, which would cause difficulty getting pregnant and a high risk of complications if she did. (3)

Reports from Americans United for Life (AUL) and Operation Rescue have shown a nationwide pattern of sub-standard care (4), allowed by lack of enforcement of common sense standards of care for all medical facilities. (5) Several states do not even regularly inspect abortion facilities, apparently for fear of being accused of working against the pro-abortion stand of the state. (5) AUL found widespread (over 130 facilities in 22 states) practices of "failure to maintain a safe and sanitary environment". At least 82 facilities in 14 states were guilty of failing to ensure that staff were properly trained for their duties. Other violations include the use of expired medications and failure to comply with physical plant standards such as hand-washing stations and fire emergency systems. (4)

1. http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/testimony.aspx?ID=4159
2. https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/pelvic-inflammatory-disease/symptoms-causes/syc-20352594
3. http://www.silentnomoreawareness.org/testimonies/testimony.aspx?ID=4151
4. *Unsafe,* available for download at https://aul.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/AUL-Unsafe-2021.pdf
5. https://www.operationrescue.org/abortion-facility-inspections-massive-regulatory-failure-in-40-states-and-covid-19-had-little-to-do-with-it/

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. For the women who do proceed with the abortion, please protect them from unsafe facilities. Please help all health and safety regulations to be well enforced at abortion facilities to keep them to the same standard of care as other medical procedures.

Action: If someone expresses an opinion that abortion must remain legal to keep it safe, gently point out that the abortion industry is not even maintaining basic health and safety standards that are applied to other invasive procedures. There are also serious unavoidable risks from both the surgical procedures and abortion pills. (See https://afterabortion.org) More abortions means more women suffering from those consequences.