Christian Voices for Life

Wednesday Word

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What Church Silence on Abortion Costs

Education: *Why does your pastor not speak about abortion?* Is it not the job of the church to guide its members on how to follow Christ; how to apply Christian morality to modern issues? **The church has not only a right (1) but a duty to speak out on political issues that are clearly moral questions**. Or are they teaching church members to separate their duty to follow Christ from civic responsibility to work for the common good? Is it too controversial? Is the risk of losing members more important than leading the church in morality? When many people stopped following Jesus, He did not compromise His message to keep them following Him. (John 6: 53-66)

Many pastors don't want to hurt the women in the pews who have abortions. But **silence is acceptance of the status quo.** It leads everyone to think that abortion must be morally acceptable. Women considering abortion especially – and the men involved - need to hear that it is wrong, to combat the lies of the world that tell them otherwise. They also need to hear that the church will not judge them, but help them cope with whatever problems the pregnancy brings.(2) Publishing information about the local pregnancy center may save a baby's life and prevent tremendous harm to a mother.

Women who are post-abortive may think their sin is unmentionable because it is unforgiveable.(3) They need to hear that Jesus forgives and heals, even multiple abortions, and that there is help to find that peace. What better message than to host a post-abortion healing retreat at the church? To read more about church involvement, see https://christianvoicesforlife.org/church/.

1. *Organizations with a 501c3 status are forbidden only from supporting or opposing* ***any candidate*** *for public office, and may not attempt to influence legislation* ***as a substantial part of its activities*****.** https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/charitable-organizations/exemption-requirements-501c3-organizations
2. https://researchlifeway.com/2015/11/23/women-distrust-church-on-abortion/
3. https://www.shadiahrichi.com/the-unforgivable-sin/

Prayer: Dear Lord, please give pastors wisdom and courage in speaking to their congregations about abortion. Help the children to understand that God makes babies; they start very tiny inside the mother, and need to stay inside the mother until they are ready to be born. Help teens and adults be clearly informed that abortion is wrong. In addition, lead the church to not judge a pregnancy outside marriage, but rather support women and help them cope with problems presented. Help pastors to offer private counseling, assure post-abortive women that Jesus forgives and heals, and consider hosting a program provided by a ministry experienced in helping women to experience that forgiveness and healing.

Action: Pray for all Christian churches to preach the truth about abortion, support pregnant women in difficult situations, and assure post-abortive women of the desire of Jesus to forgive and heal. As an individual, talk to your pastor and share your concern about this issue. Give him information on the local pregnancy center, post-abortive ministries, and CVL's webpage mentioned above. As pastor, please preach about loving both mother and child by helping them to avoid the spiritual, emotional and physical consequences of choosing abortion. Include in prayer intentions women who are experiencing the pressure and temptation to abort, women and men suffering after abortion, and for conversion of everyone involved in providing or promoting abortion.