



Dear Friend:

Greetings to you from Focus on the Family! I hope you're having a wonderful summer, especially now that restrictions have been lifted in many places and we've seen a decline in COVID-19 numbers. With many people returning to their pre-pandemic activities — including travel — it's been tremendously encouraging to know that, once again, families are able to plan vacations, spend time at local pools and beaches, go out for ice cream, and make some great memories outside of their homes after such a long and challenging year.

However, we're also aware that many folks continue to experience the fallout of the pandemic, including job loss, mental stress, and illness. Perhaps you've even lost a loved one to the virus. If that's the case, know that you have friends here at Focus who are praying for God to minister His tender comfort and faithful provision to you. We serve a Father who loves us and whose goodness toward us never fails.

I'm reminded of that truth often as we move forward with our sanctity of human life efforts. Every day all over the country, overwhelmed and frightened women are faced with a life-and-death decision, and far too many of them feel completely alone as they consider whether or not to choose life. And because the culture has fed them lies about babies in the womb and persuaded women that abortion is not the taking of a life and is therefore an acceptable option. But we want these moms to know that God loves them and their babies, and He is able to care for them.

The good news is that the pro-life movement is growing by leaps and bounds as more and more people embrace the truth that every single child inside the womb is fully human and, thus, deserves protection. In the last few months alone, we've seen a number of exciting pro-life laws being passed at the state level — and, what's more, the abortion rate has been steadily declining for several decades.¹ This is wonderful news for those of us who believe that each life is sacred, has inherent value, and was created by God for a purpose.

Too often, the debate over abortion turns into an “us vs. them” battle that brings more heat than light. Opportunities for respectful, fruitful discussions are often lost amidst shouting matches, hostile rhetoric, and inaccurate information about life in the womb.

Instead of yelling and getting heated with escalating arguments, just show them the baby. The ultrasound is like a window of truth into the womb. Showing them the baby with a 3D or 4D ultrasound is the answer to the debate about what is in the womb.

Two years ago, Alive from New York was born out of these efforts to engage the culture around us in loving, compassionate, and winsome ways – but without compromising the truth. If you've been familiar with our ministry for any length of time, you might recall our pro-life rally in Times Square back in May of 2019. This inspiring event was attended live by more than 20,000 people, with hundreds of thousands more folks watching online. Powerful speakers and talented musicians headlined our gathering — but the most memorable moment came when we displayed a live, 4D ultrasound image of a baby in his mother's womb on massive digital screens. I'll never forget how a

¹ <https://www.liveaction.org/news/report-declines-abortion-teen-pregnancy-sex/>

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hush fell over a jam-packed Times Square as attendees saw the cute face of Abby Johnson's precious son as he yawned.

Following that incredible rally, our team began considering how we might build on its success in order to continue impressing upon people the beauty and incalculable worth of preborn life. What followed was See Life 2020 — this was initially planned to be a five-city rally across the country last May, but due to pandemic restrictions we converted this event to a virtual rally that has been viewed online by many thousands of people.

Now, we're preparing for See Life 2021, which will feature a digital video experience leading up to a live event at the American Airlines Center in Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, on August 28. Our dedicated staff has been working tirelessly to put together another engaging and unforgettable celebration of life, which will kick off with our six-part video series premiering across Focus on the Family's various websites and social media channels on Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. MT. Each Friday after that, we'll release another episode of See Life 2021, featuring moving testimonies from those who have been impacted personally by abortion. We'll also highlight practical information and tips for families who want to become involved in the pro-life cause.

I hope you'll tune in to our video series and perhaps even consider attending our live gathering in person or viewing it via simulcast. Additionally, please help us spread the word about See Life 2021! You can find more details at **FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife**.

As we prepare to roll out our very first video on July 16, I'm delighted to share with you the following synopsis of the topics for each episode:

Episode 1: "The Truth About Life" (Friday, July 16th)

When does life begin? What does the Bible say about life in the womb? These are among several critical questions that must be answered with grace and truth if we hope to advance the pro-life cause. I'll be joined by Amy Ford, President of Embrace Grace, to examine these important topics with special guests from the March for Life and Students for Life.

Episode 2: "Inside Pregnancy Resource Centers" (Friday, July 23rd)

A pregnancy resource center (PRC) is where life-and-death decisions are made. Every day, these centers meet young women at their deepest point of need, offering them counsel, ultrasound services, and most importantly, *hope* for a better path forward. In this episode you'll meet some of the women and men behind the scenes who are engaged in the lifesaving work of PRCs.

Episode 3: "The Power of a Picture" (Friday, July 30th)

It's one thing to talk about the humanity and dignity of preborn babies using theoretical, abstract terms. It's another thing entirely to *see* the beauty of life in the womb displayed on an ultrasound screen in real time! In Episode 3 you'll hear from PRC workers who are using the power of ultrasound to minister to women facing unexpected pregnancies, and you'll also hear from a young mom whose life was changed — and whose baby was saved — as a result of this technology.

Episode 4: "Sometimes the Choice is Hard" (Friday, August 6th)

What would you do if you became pregnant as a result of rape? What if your doctor

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told you that the baby growing inside of you would be born with devastating health challenges? As followers of Christ, we believe that *all* human life is sacred — even in the toughest situations. In this episode you’ll hear from brave women and men who faced difficult circumstances and chose to trust God with the outcome.

Episode 5: “It’s Going to be Amazing” (Friday, August 13th)

Human life is sacred and beautiful, even in those situations when someone doesn’t fit society’s standards of what is “normal.” As followers of Jesus, we should be the first to embrace those whom the world considers outcasts — and we should teach our kids to do the same! In Episode 5 you’ll hear from a number of guests who are embracing the sanctity of life in all its diversity.

Episode 6: “Families Helping Families” (Friday, August 20th)

“Being pro-life” isn’t just a role for grownups. It’s a mission that the entire family can and should embrace! In this final episode, we’ll explore ways that you and your loved ones can get involved in the holy calling of defending and celebrating God’s gift of life, whether by volunteering at a PRC, supporting a new mom, or getting involved in a pro-life ministry at your church. Everyone can do *something* to advance the sanctity of life!

As you can see, each video addresses a different aspect of the sanctity of human life and the pro-life movement — we’ve designed these episodes specifically to help share a powerful message about the priceless worth of each human life from the moment of conception. We also want to help families like yours realize how many different ways there are to become involved in the ongoing effort to save preborn babies and minister to abortion-minded women.

I’m all too aware of how overwhelming it can be to think of the tens of millions of babies who have lost their lives to abortion and to wonder what you can do to help. Please know that you *can* make a difference — and any effort that’s expended to give even just one child a chance to live and grow outside the womb is well worth it.

To be sure, each story of a saved life serves as a compelling reminder that behind all the statistics are real-life, individual faces and names. That’s why it’s so uplifting whenever we learn of a courageous woman who chose to carry her baby to term. Here’s one such account we received from the staff of a pregnancy resource center that has benefitted from our *Option Ultrasound* program:

Veronica was in shock when she initially reached out to her local pregnancy resource center. She had recently been told she was pregnant at a trip to the emergency room. Having a baby was not part of her or her new boyfriend’s plan for their futures. Her boyfriend wanted her to have an abortion, and Veronica hadn’t told anyone else that she was pregnant. She had no one else to talk to and she felt alone and afraid.

During her appointment, Veronica told her advocate that she needed to know more about her options. She wanted more information. Her advocate was able to talk with her in detail and provide her with written materials to take home with her. Veronica began to feel a little more at peace, but her decision was final when she saw her baby’s ultrasound picture. “That’s so cute,” she said with a joyful laugh. She asked for a picture to take home and show to her friends and family. At the end of her appointment that day, her advocate asked what her intentions were with her pregnancy. Veronica smiled and said, “I’m going to keep my baby.”

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Veronica's story demonstrates the power of an ultrasound image — and that's just one of many such testimonials we've received describing how a frightened young woman saw her baby on the sonogram screen and chose life for her baby.

However, there are so many more who still don't know the truth about life in the womb. In fact, **nearly a million babies will face abortion this year alone** unless you and I do something about it.

Your gift today will support our *Option Ultrasound* program that equips pregnancy medical centers with ultrasound machines, nurses' sonography training, and other resources to help mothers considering abortion see the babies growing inside them.

Just one glimpse of that precious baby can soften a mother's heart and give her the courage to choose life. Nearly 60% of abortion-minded women who receive counseling and an ultrasound choose life!

It takes just \$60 to save a life through the *Option Ultrasound* program. Will you give today to rescue a mother and her baby from the pain from abortion? And now, your gift will be DOUBLED through a generous \$4 Million Match provided by others who value life. That means your support today will go TWICE AS FAR to save even more lives.

You'll support all our efforts like our *Option Ultrasound* program, our See Life 2021 campaign, and our work advocating for pro-life legislation at the state and federal levels, and our See Life celebrations. We are doing all we can to help foster a culture that values and protects all human life.

As we prepare to kick off See Life 2021, would you join us in praying that many hearts would be changed on the subject of abortion? As I mentioned, there are hopeful signs across the culture that more and more people are embracing the truth that all life is sacred — and this energizes us to “keep on keeping on” as we proclaim the pro-life message.

Deepest thanks for your interest in our mission. If you or someone you know is facing an unexpected pregnancy – or if there's some other challenge facing you — please reach out to us at 1-800-A-FAMILY (232-6459). May God continue to fill your heart and home with His abundant peace and joy throughout the days ahead!

Sincerely,



Jim Daly
President

P.S. You can save lives now with your compassionate gift to support efforts like See Life 2021 and our *Option Ultrasound* program. Just \$60 can save a life! And now, that gift will go twice as far through our \$4 Million Match. Please hurry to see your gift DOUBLED and save twice as many lives. Use the enclosed response card or go to FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife.

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Will anyone see Ava?

No one saw little Ava*.

They didn't see her tiny fingers and toes . . . her chubby cheeks . . . the beating of her heart. They couldn't see the joy she would bring through her hugs and kisses, first words, soccer games, report cards, first love, marriage and motherhood.

Because no one saw Ava, she was almost aborted. Her mom "felt lost and confused." Her father offered to pay for aborting Ava! They didn't know. They couldn't see.

Almost a million babies like Ava could die from abortion this year . . . unless you and I make sure someone sees them.

Through our *Option Ultrasound*™ program, you can equip pregnancy medical clinics with ultrasound machines, resources, and nurses' sonography training so abortion-vulnerable mothers can see their babies and choose life. Just \$60 saves a life through our *Option Ultrasound* program! **And now, through a \$4 Million Matching Opportunity, your gift will save TWICE THE LIVES!**

\$4 Million Matching Opportunity:
Reveal life to save **TWICE** the moms and babies!

SEE LIFE 2021

Your support will also go twice as far to promote life through our See Life 2021 efforts.

It begins on July 16 with the first of six Friday night sessions with Focus on the Family President and CEO Jim Daly and special guests who share incredible stories to reveal the value of life. You don't want to miss these sessions aired on our website

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Daily Focus

By Jim Daly, President

3 things you can do to save lives through See Life 2021 live event

Since the United States Supreme Court legalized abortion in 1973, over 62 million children have been lost. How much richer, interesting and advanced our world would be if abortion hadn't claimed the lives of so many innocent young people?

Consider all the cures that have gone undiscovered or the books and movies unscripted. Think about the laughter lost and the songs that were never written – or the friends you never had but who would have transformed your life in so many wonderful ways.

A special event is coming next month that will save lives by revealing life in the womb to the world—See Life 2021. You can help save lives through this monumental effort in three ways today:

- **PRAY.** Pray for all the preborn babies who are at risk of abortion. Pray that God would open the eyes of expectant mothers to the life growing inside of them. Pray for our nation's leaders that they would act with a respect and value for life. Pray that God would use See Life 2021 to reveal the truth about life and save lives.
- **GIVE.** Double the impact of your gift through a \$4 Million Match. Every \$60 helps save a life through our *Option Ultrasound* program. Through the Match you'll save twice the lives.
- **ATTEND.** Mark your calendar for for the See Life 2021 event on August 28, in person or online. Details at FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife.

Jim

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and social media channels at 7 p.m. each Friday, July 16–August 20.

See Life 2021 will culminate with an epic life-changing event August 28 at American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas, and online. Go to FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife for more information.

NEW EFFORTS TO SAVE LIVES!

My Choice Network provides expectant mothers with an easy and quick way to find the nearest pregnancy medical clinic. Launched last year in 10 cities with high abortion rates, in the first four months, this online network had more than 31 million impressions. Over 125,000 people found pregnancy center help.

You also help to strategically target high-risk areas like Chicago. Already, 198 grants have been approved for the **Chicagoland Project** to equip

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pregnancy medical clinics with machines to reveal life.

One of the newest ways your action is saving lives is by providing grants for abortion pill reversal training of physicians and nurses in the protocol to reverse a chemical abortion for mothers who change their minds. Already, almost 100 have gone through the training and saved over 2,000 babies.

REVEALING LIFE TO SAVE LIVES

Ava's mom was considering an abortion when she visited a pregnancy medical clinic where she received a free ultrasound. One look was all it took. Ava's mom says, "When I saw her and heard her heartbeat, I knew I would do whatever it would take to give her a good life."

Whether through See Life 2021 or *Option Ultrasound*, you are helping to reveal life and save lives like Ava's. ■

He Said, She Said On *How to Deal with Anger*

Behind the Wizard's curtain . . .

With Dr. Greg and Mrs. Erin Smalley

In this issue, Dr. Greg and Erin Smalley share how to overcome anger in your marriage.



ERIN: My father-in-law always used to say that anger was like a can of Silly String™ being sprayed at everybody. Silly String is gross when it sticks to you. You try to peel it off immediately; you don't want it on you. It's the same with those around us when we spray our anger at them. They don't want to be near us. We don't really get heard when we spray our anger, because no one wants to stay and engage.

GREG: My favorite analogy about anger is based on the Wizard of Oz. When Dorothy and the gang stood in front of the Wizard, he was big and loud, and everyone was frightened in his presence. Then, little Toto the dog pulls back the curtain to reveal someone who was not very daunting working the controls. Sometimes we use anger to control, to deflect, to get people focused on something other than what is really going on behind the curtain.

ERIN: Dealing with anger begins with understanding that there is something else behind the curtain. It could be fear, hurt, a frustration.

GREG: Try to figure out what is causing the anger, what is behind the scenes. Identify it. Maybe you are feeling misunderstood, misrepresented. Whatever it is, name it and immediately take it to God. The Lord is the one who will open your heart back up. Once you understand what is going on behind the scenes, you can calm down.

ERIN: That is when you and your spouse can have a conversation and begin working things out.

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Dr. Patricia Giebink



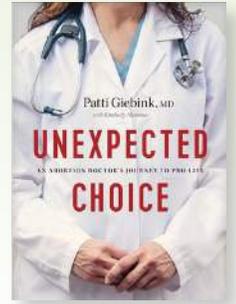
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**Unexpected Choice:
An Abortion Doctor's
Journey to Pro-Life**

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LIFE UPDATE

Legislation across U.S. supports life

Pro-abortion forces are worried, and with good reason.

According to the Guttmacher Institute, 536 abortion regulations have been proposed in 46 states since January. Sixty-one of those restrictions have been enacted, including eight bans!

Here is a glimpse of a few of the newest victories in recent months:

- Arizona Gov. Doug Ducey signed a law banning abortions based on a prenatal diagnosis of genetic abnormality, including Down syndrome.
- Idaho Gov. Brad Little signed the Fetal Heartbeat Preborn Child Protection Act that bans abortions after an unborn baby's heart can be detected, usually around the 6-week mark.
- Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a law which classifies a doctor performing an abortion after the heartbeat is detectable as "unprofessional conduct."
- Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte signed a law prohibiting abortions of babies capable of feeling pain. Other Montana laws include requiring a pregnant women be offered the option of viewing

an ultrasound prior to an abortion and additional protective requirements surrounding chemical abortion.

Your prayers are at work! But we cannot let up now because pro-abortion forces are regrouping and are more determined than ever. Keep saving lives through your prayers and support of our Option Ultrasound program!

The LIFE UPDATE column features testimonies and the latest news on how your support is rescuing babies from abortion and saving moms from the pain and regret of abortion.

Parenting Corner with Dr. Danny Huerta

Don't push my buttons!

Dr. Danny Huerta is Focus on the Family's Vice President of the Parenting and Youth department.



If it seems like your child is always pushing your buttons, maybe it is time to re-examine your buttons.

What is behind it all?

First of all, figure out why certain questions, actions or responses from your child get to you. That's an important place to start. Ask yourself, "What momentum was created inside of me emotionally from this interaction with my child?" When you take a look at what the real issue is, you may discover a wound or memory that is impacting your reaction.

Slow down and try to understand what is behind your child's words and actions. We don't need to be paranoid that our kids are trying to manipulate us all the time. But there are some competing desires. One desire of your child is to get along with you and have a good relationship. The other is to get what he or she wants as soon as possible. Ask your child these questions: "Why are you asking for that or acting that way?"

"What is it that you really want?" "Help me understand why you want that?"

These questions will help your child understand themselves better and will give you a greater insight into your child. The key to a good response from you is understanding what is beneath it all.

Respect each other.

How do you slow down and calm down in the heat of a discussion or action? Think about the word *respect*. Break it down. *Re* is all about "looking back." *Spect* relates to the meaning "see", as in spectacles.

When addressing concerns or behaviors with your child, think about taking a step back, a moment to put on your spectacles and better read what is going on. Also, be careful of your nonverbal language. Your child feeds off it even if you don't realize what you are doing.

Don't forget that the best thing to do is to say a prayer and ask God for wisdom and guidance in addressing big issues with your child. ■

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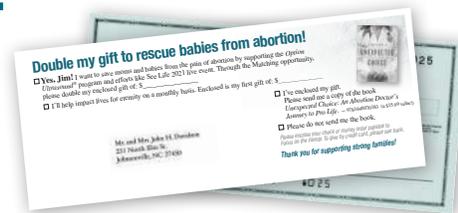
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Almost a million babies will face abortion this year, but you can save lives now! With your action today, you can help save a baby's life.

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Your support will also make efforts like See Life 2021 possible. Scheduled for August 28 in Dallas, Texas, See Life 2021 event will be held in person and online to reveal life to the world.

This unique online and in-person event will connect families to everyday



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life heroes through stories of redemption and hope. It's the culmination of a critical campaign to reveal life in the womb to the world and rescue babies from abortion.

Please pray for and join us for this epic celebration of life. And invite others as well. Remember, your support makes these efforts possible. For more information, go to FocusOnTheFamily.com/SeeLife. ■



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