

Sanctity of Life Sermon Outline

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- Men and women are made in the image and likeness of God.

“So, God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them” ~ Genesis 1:27 NLT

- Human Life is valuable in God’s sight – from conception throughout their lives.
- From the time of conception, God created men and women in His image. Abortion is the calculated and intentional taking of innocent human life that has been created in God’s image.
- As the early Christian writer Tertullian pointed out, the Law of Moses ordered strict penalties for causing an abortion or even a miscarriage:

If people are fighting and hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely [or she has a miscarriage] but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman’s husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. ~ Exodus 21:22-24 NIV

1. God is the author and giver of life.

You alone are the Lord. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you. ~ Nehemiah 9:6 NIV

In his hand is the life of every creature and breath of all mankind. ~ Job 12:10 NIV

Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person. ~ Genesis 2:7 NLT

2. The scripture gives us evidence that God looks upon a human child in the womb as a person who has a beating heart, brain waves, and physical and emotional sensitivities.

Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. ~ Luke 1:39-44 NLT

Yet you brought me out of the womb; you made me trust in you, even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast on you; from my mother's womb you have been my God. ~ Psalm 22:9-10 NIV

"For you created my inmost being you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be." ~ Psalm 139:13-16 NIV

3. A sinful nature is part of every human being – even from the point of conception. Sinfulness is a spiritual rather than a physical condition.

Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ~ Psalm 51:5 NIV

4. Every child in the womb of his/her mother is known by God and has unique gifts that God has given him/her. A child, from conception throughout life, has a spirit/soul.

I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations. ~ Jeremiah 1:4-5 NLT

5. Children are a heritage and reward from God.

Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him. Children, born to a young man are like arrows in a warrior's hands. How joyful is the man whose quiver is full of them! ~ Psalm 127:3-5a NLT

Cursed is anyone who accepts payment to kill an innocent person.’ And all the people will reply, ‘Amen.” ~ Deuteronomy 27:25 NLT

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We're reminded by Jesus' warning of those:

- Who would come to do harm
- To teach us falsely
- To distract us from the truth
- Who would lead people astray
- Who promise life but, in the end, bring death
 - He was rejected by those who promoted themselves as spiritual leaders

He demonstrated determination to reinforce the value of all life

1. We Have an Example

- John 10:14 – Jesus “gives his life for his sheep.”
 - He cared for His sheep daily, but He must finally face the greatest enemy – the cross.
- The leper
 - He touched on an epidemic of His day, much like the opioid crisis or teen suicide crises of our day.
 - Matthew 8:2 – “Lord if you are willing”
- The elderly
 - Luke 9:47 – The lady with the issue of blood
 - She came trembling
- The little children
 - Mark 10:13, Matthew 19:14 – “Let them come.”

- Matthew 9:42 – “But if anyone causes one of these to sin.”
 - They needed Him and He responded (salvation).
- Story of the family with a deformed child
 - “He needs us so much.”

2. We Have A Mandate

- Luke 15:32 – The parable of the lost son
 - “Your brother was dead, now he is alive; he was lost, now he is found.”
- We do all we can
 - To look after one
 - To speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves
- We live the love of God
 - Live the example of orthopraxy, which means, “the doing of the Word”
- Luke 10:25 – The parable of the good Samaritan
 - We are expected to respond to the needy and the fallen
- Luke 10:37
 - “Go and do likewise.”
 - What happens to you matters
- Matthew 18:35
 - Forgiveness is met with forgiveness

3. We Have An Opportunity

- John 13:17 – “Now that you know these things you will be blessed if you do them.”

The Value of Servanthood

- Matthew 25:34-40 “As you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.”
 - As we live, we serve Christ
- Jesus had warned about those
 - Who would steal
 - Who would Destroy our morality
 - Our marriages
 - Our health
 - Our families
 - Our faith
- Don’t give in or give up!
- Don’t hold lightly your things of value – in this case the value of life in the womb

We may not be able to save every child, but if we save one, it matters to that one.

Quote from Martin Palmer

“If we teach a young mother, it is okay to take the life of her own child in the womb, we inevitably pull the thread that permeates the entire garment of the sanctity of life – forever.”

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