

# **Sermon – The Hard Conversations: Pregnancy: Pro-Life or Pro-Choice**

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**Matthew 4:17**

## **The Hard Conversations**

Today we conclude this sermon series called “The Hard Conversations.”

### **Baptism – When & Why?**

We have looked at Baptism – when we baptize a person and why we baptize a person.

### **Marriage – Get Married or Just Live Together?**

Then it got a little harder and a little messier as I tackled marriage – should people get married or just live together.

### **The Hard Conversations**

#### **1. Are Real Conversations**

I wanted to tackle this particular theme because most often hard conversations are real conversations. With the influences of peers, society and social media, it is sometimes easier to avoid the hard, real conversations.

## 2. But We Should Have Them Because They Are Crucial

### **Human Pregnancy**

I saved the hardest conversation that a Christian can have today in 21st Century America for this weekend.

Being pro-life or pro-choice.

I'm going to start this hard conversation at the beginning. With pregnancy.



#### **Pregnancy Is An Experience We All Have**

Because pregnancy is something we all have experience with.

##### **1. All Of Us Were Born**

By that, I mean that all of us were born. For about 9 months our experience was that our moms were pregnant with us.

##### **2. Many of Us Have Children Ourselves**

As I look at you today – and I imagine this is also true for those of you online – many of you have children yourselves. Either you or your spouse were pregnant with your child or children.

##### **3. Most of Us Know Someone Who Has Been Pregnant**

And most of us know someone who has been or is even now pregnant.

#### **Pregnancy is a Life-Changing Experience**

And most of you know that pregnancy, having a child is a life-changing experience. Of course, until you actually experience it first-hand you will never realize just how much of a life-changing experience it is.

##### **1. Parents – Remember Your Life BC – Before Children?**

Parents – remember how life was BC? Before Children?

You could fly off to Rome at a moment's notice.

There's no danger of walking on Legos in the middle of the night when you get up for a drink of water.

No 3AM feedings.

Life was, at the very least, different before you had children.

## Pregnancy Is Life Itself

But I'd like you to consider this: pregnancy is life itself.

## Remember How You Felt?

### When You Found Out You Were Going to Have a Baby?



Remember how you felt when you found out you were going to have a baby?

#### 1. Shock

There's that initial shock at the news. Even if you've been expecting to become expecting, there is a shock to the system when you first find out that you are expecting.

#### 2. Joy

There is the joy of knowing you have a life growing inside you (or your wife). The joy of knowing you will be bringing a new life into the world.

#### 3. Fear

Then there is – at least for many people – the fear of bringing a new life into the world!

The fear of whether you are going to be a good mom and dad.

The fear of the kind of world this new life will live in.

The ultimate fear that comes with life – death itself.

## **When You Lost Your Baby?**

Another question that goes with this hard conversation is – for a few of you – how you felt when you lost your baby.

### **1. Fear**

The fear that you did something wrong or that there was something wrong with you.

### **2. Anger**

The anger at death for taking your child away from you.

The anger at God for letting it happen.

Or just an unexplainable anger at everything and nothing at all.

### **3. A Sense of Profound Loss That Never Goes Away**

And that sense of profound loss that never really goes away. You never get over it. At best, you learn to live with the loss of a child.

## **Why Do We Feel This Way?**

These feelings of shock, joy, fear, anger, and loss – why do we feel this way? Have you ever wondered about that?

### **Because That Is Life Inside You / Your Wife / Your Mom**

The answer is because it is a life inside of you, your wife, your mom.

It is a human life from conception, with a heartbeat at 6 weeks and looking like a baby at 10 weeks.

It is a life inside.

### **Because On Some Level We Are All Pro-Life**

And we feel these emotions because on some level we are all pro-life, knowing that this is how life starts. This is how life started for us and for our children.

# We are Created Pro-Life

This is how we were created. If you have a Bible take it out and turn to the beginning, to Genesis 1.

Let's start in verse 26. What does it say, God creates humans, in what? In his image.

We are created in God's image.



And part of God's image is His profound love for life.

## Because God is Pro-Life

1. Genesis 1:24

Look at verse 24:

And God said, "*Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.*" And it was so.

There's God. And what is He creating? "Living creatures."

Life.

2. Genesis 2:7

Look at chapter 2 verse 7.

*then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.*

Another look at God creating humans. What does God put into the man?

The breath life.

And humans beings became living beings.

Life.

3. Genesis 9:5

Flip over a couple of pages to chapter 9. Look at verse 5. Read it with me.

*And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.*

In this text we see how much value God puts on human life – the human life that He created.

God is very much pro-life.

And I don't mean that in the way it is defined in today's politically-charged culture.

Today, being pro-life or pro-choice is being promoted desperately by some to be a definition of what you stand for politically.

But it really isn't. Not really. Not originally.

## **Why Do Some People Consider Themselves Pro-Choice?**

Consider this question: why do some people consider themselves pro-choice?

Well, because they want to be known as someone for whom choices are important, vital, even a fundamental right.



### **What "Choice" is Being Made?**

But for the most part, what choice is being sought by those who consider themselves pro-choice?

1. To End a Life

It is a choice to have an abortion or not.

But what happens in an abortion?

The focus of the culture is that a choice is made.

The reality is this: a life is ended.

## 2. "My body my choice"

The argument is made that it is "my body, my choice."

Ah, but there's the rub. An abortion is not so much what is done to a mother's body as it is something that is done to the baby inside the mother.

### Making It Political

I get that right now some of you are feeling uncomfortable. Some of you are feeling a far stronger emotion than that.

And I would say that the reason you are feeling this way after what I have just said is that because our culture has politicized being pro-life and pro-choice.

#### 1. Divides Us

And you know what politics does? It divides us. I don't know if it was always this way, but it certainly is divisive today.

#### 2. Causes Anger & Hatred

And not only do politics and everything politicized divide us, it also causes anger and hatred.

And who wants that?

#### 3. Is From Satan

The answer is, Satan. Satan wants to divide us. Satan wants us to feel anger and hatred towards others.

##### a) The Origin of Sin "You Shall Be Like God"

That was his original temptation to Eve and Adam. The temptation to divide against each other and against God.

The original temptation is in Genesis 3. Look at verse 5. Let's read that together:

*For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.*

"And you will be like God."

## **Another Question to Consider – Who Can Create Life?**

Here's another question to consider: who can create life?

### **Only God Can Create Life**

The answer is that only God can create life.

But what about test-tube babies and cloning? I'll answer that with a kind of funny joke.



One day a scientist decided that humanity had come a long way and no longer needed God. So, the scientist walked up to God and said, "God, we've decided that we no longer need you. We're to the point where we can clone people, manipulate atoms, build molecules, fly through space, and do many other miraculous things. So why don't you just go away and mind your own business from now on?"

God listened very patiently and kindly to the man. After the scientist was done talking, God said, "Very well. How about this? Before I go, let's say we have a human-making contest." To which the scientist replied, "Okay, we can handle that!"

"But," God added, "we're going to do this just like I did back in the old days with Adam."

The scientist nodded, "Sure, no problem" and bent down and picked up a handful of dirt.

God wagged a finger at him and said, "Uh, uh, uh. Put that down. Go make your own dirt."

As the well-known scientist and atheist Carl Sagan is quoted as saying, "To really make an apple pie from scratch, you must begin by inventing the universe."

## **Pro-Choice is Taking the Place of God Concerning Life**

To be pro-choice is not a political position. It is really buying into the temptation of Satan that makes you think you can take the place of God concerning life.

That "you will be like God."

# **Being Pro-Life Is Following God's Ways**

I would also say that being pro-life is not a political standing but rather describes one who seeks to follow God's ways when it comes to life.

## **Human Life is precious to God**

Human life is precious to God and so should be precious to us.

1. Humans are the “Crown” of Creation

God saved the creation of man and woman for last. Nothing is created after Adam and Eve. So in a way we are the crown of God's creation.

## **God Makes a Point of Saving Life**

Being pro-life is following God's ways, who made it a point to save human lives.

1. Elijah, Elisha, Peter, Paul, - all raised 1 person

God performed the miracle of the resurrection of the dead through the prophets Elijah and Elisha, as well as through the apostles Peter and Paul.

2. Jesus raised 3 people

Jesus also raises to life three people during His earthly ministry.

# **God Loves Us and Our Lives**

God loves life. God loves us.

## **So Much So He Gave Us a Choice to Love Him**

So much so that He gave us the choice to love Him. Because without choice, there can be no love.

## **When We Chose to Reject Him – We Chose Death**

But when we choose to reject God and His love, we are actually choosing death.

## God Didn't Stop Loving Us



But here's the really Good News. Even when we choose to reject God and His love by sinning, God doesn't stop loving us.

### 1. He Sent Jesus to Conquer Death

God loves us so much that He sends Jesus to conquer death by dying on the cross.

### 2. Forgive Our Sins

Through Jesus' death on the cross, God forgives our sins.

### 3. And Give Us Life Back!

And through Jesus resurrection from the dead, God gives us life again!

## Because God Loves Us and Life We Should Love Life

Because God loves life and loves us so much, we should also love life.

### Help Those Struggling with Unexpected Pregnancy

That means being pro-life when we see the need of someone who is facing an unexpected pregnancy by meeting that need sharing the love of Jesus and doing what we can to help them.

#### 1. Adoption

Help them to find Godly, Christian adoption options.

#### 2. Helping Raise Children

Or you could meet that need by sharing the love of Jesus in helping them raise the child.

### **Help Those Who Are Ill**

Being pro-life can mean helping the ill by driving them to doctor's appointments, or visiting them in the hospital, or providing a meal for them.

### **Help the Aged**

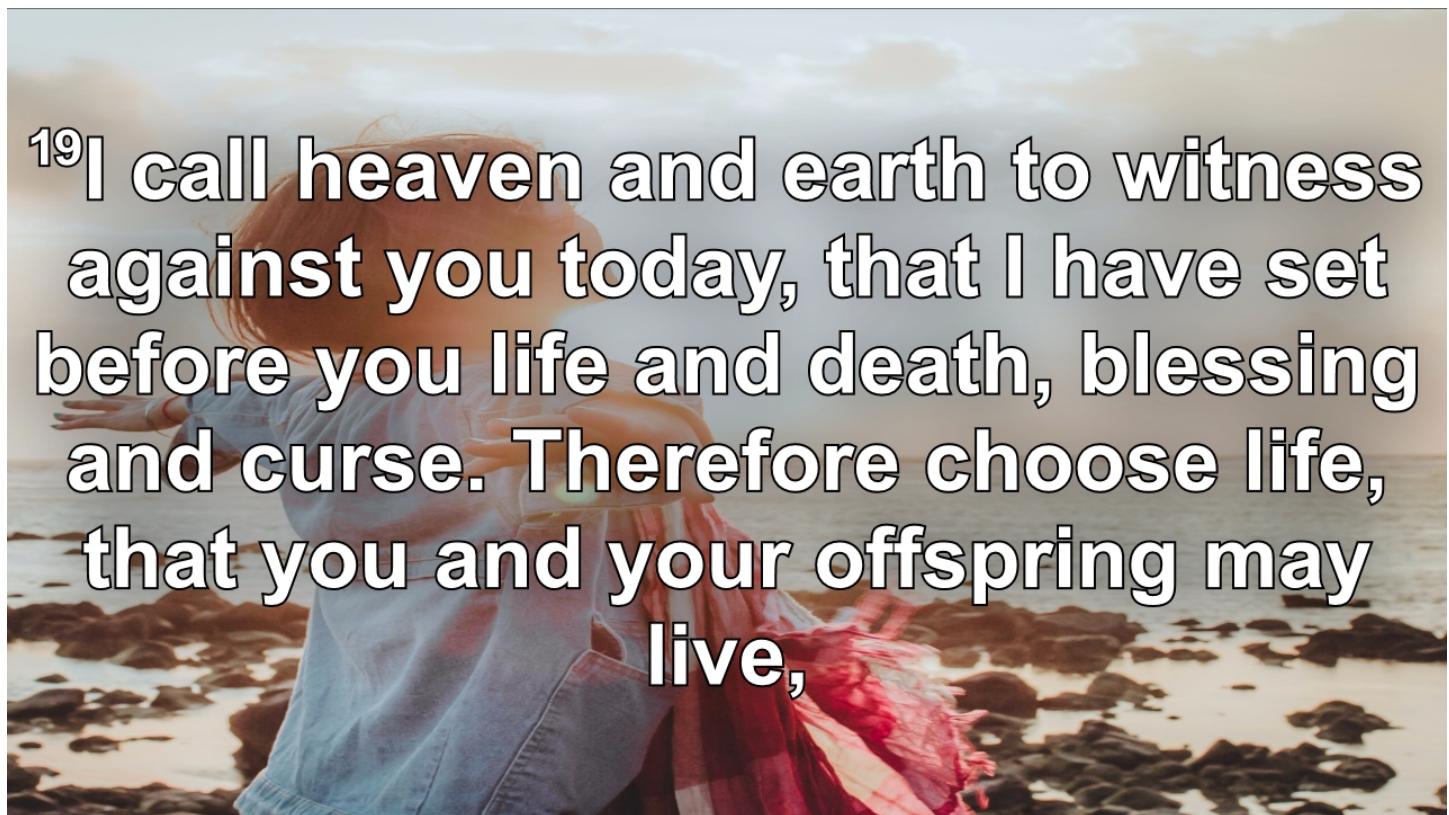
Being pro-life also can mean helping the aged. Offering assisted living care if possible.

### **Help Those Who Are at Life's End**

And being pro-life is to help those who are at life's end to know the sure and certain love and hope of Jesus Christ.

Sit with them. Talk with them. Pray with them.

### **This Is How We Live Our Christian Life**



It isn't about politics. It's about living as a follower of Jesus.

Being pro-life means taking Deuteronomy 30:19 to heart and putting it into effect in our lives.

### 1. Deuteronomy 30:19

As God Says: "*I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live....*"

In Jesus' name. Amen.