



The Clarion* Call

* THE CLEAR CALL OF A BATTLE TRUMPET

JESUS SAID, "MY SHEEP RECOGNIZE MY VOICE. I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME." (JOHN 10:27)

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The Sanctity of Human Life

Trying matching these natural disasters to the correct death toll:

Europe's Black Plaque (1347-51)	25-million
Ireland's Potato Famine (1845-48)	4-million
China's Drought (1876-79)	1-million
India's Flu Pandemic (1918-19)	15,883
China's Torrential Rains (Jul-Aug 1931)	1-million
African Drought (1981-84)	9-million
Japan's Earthquake & Tsunami (Mar 2011)	16-million
Philippine's Typhoon (Nov 2013)	5,632

These so called 'acts of God' ... totaling 56,021,515 deaths ... is a huge number! Now here's another number: 57-million. This larger number is how many have died in the United States since the dreadful January 22, 1973 *Roe v. Wade* 7-2 Supreme Court decision that interpreted this "right to privacy" in the *U.S. Constitution* and used that 'right' to legalize abortion-on-demand ... placing this nation's governmental approval upon the unleashed death and destruction of innocent boys and girls. This big number ... representing all 'little ones' ... are 'acts of man.' We're not talking about 'taking' the lives of 57-million unborn children, but about 'creating' the lives of 57-million and then killing them ... presumably for the 'good' of humanity. It is the American Holocaust ... far exceeding all of the United States' war dead (1.3 million) since the American Revolution.

This number of babies killed will only go up as the *Affordable Care Act* (a.k.a., *Obamacare*) is implemented by the 'so-called' *Health and Human Services (HHS)* department of our federal government. In fact, we'll cease to truly know how many abortions are being performed because of the free access to the

'morning after pill' in this healthcare atrocity. According to its website, *Plan B One-Step*® is marketed to prevent pregnancy "before it even happens" ... "if taken within 72-hours after unprotected sex or birth control failure." So now, we are not measuring pregnancy from the time of conception, but 3-days after intercourse.

Let's point out the obvious: Instead of babies being aborted at the rate of 3,000 a day in the U.S.A., it's time that this abominable *Obamacare* be killed!

Painful as it may be to imagine: Today as you 'live' to read this issue of *The Clarion Call*, 3,000 innocent people will be submitted to capital punishment ... although they will have no trial before they are executed. They have no attorney, and will not be granted the basic rights of even a prisoner of war. Not only will they not be treated humanely, they will not be afforded the basic anesthetics used by every veterinarian in America. They will die a torturous death; ripped apart by forceps or injected with toxins or partially delivered by breach birth only to have their brains sucked out to collapse the skull for passage

through the exit of the pelvis. Why we've even had such physicians as Dr. Kermit Gosnell of my 'birthplace' (Philadelphia) who was tried and found guilty for the murdering of hundreds of live-birth children. We're talking about babies with souls since the moment of conception; fellow human beings who can/have developed physically – with beating hearts, digesting stomachs, open eyes, and hearing ears. Since the advent of ultrasound we have explicitly seen recoiling in pain ... desperately trying to escape their killers! Where is the logic: If the way that the physician determines a person to be completely dead is by the absence of brain waves, then shouldn't the presence of brain waves prove life!?

On April 16, 2009, a Quincy, Massachusetts woman (Fang Chi-Xue) was arrested in her Woodbine apartment. Her 9-year-old daughter (Wen Xue) was found dead in bed, allegedly strangled and with her wrist also cut. An autopsy showed that she was 8-months pregnant with a son. This mother has been indicted for murder in the death of her daughter and manslaughter for the death of her unborn baby. Really? ... a murder charge for the unborn child? [Why should she be tried and not all the millions of mothers who have killed their babies? Just wondering.]

Just as assuredly America's 57-million aborted precious little ones awoke in heaven with Jesus, may

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the babies yet to come awake to the earthly life God intended for them from the beginning of their life ... which He placed in them at their conception!

God created you as a PERSON

Scott Cox speaks of the Genesis account where the Bible says that God *"formed man from the dust of the earth."* The same purposeful act of God that took place in the dust of the earth when Adam was formed takes place in the womb when God forms life there. You see, the unborn is not an accident; he or she is not the product of random chance; he or she is the product of God's creative work. Life is sacred ... because God made it. America's forefathers vehemently acknowledge it in our *Declaration of Independence* when they said this truth is *self-evident* ... that we are endowed by our *Creator* with certain *unalienable rights* ... to include *Life!*

Listen to these affirming passages from God's Word ... and then dare to say you weren't created as a person:

- Jeremiah 1:4 states, *"Before I [the Creator] formed you in the womb I knew you."*
- Psalm 100:3 reads, *"Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture."*
- Psalm 139:13-16 says, *"For You [the Lord God] 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."*

And there are other texts that could be sighted (Isaiah 43:1; 49:1; Exodus 33:12, 17; Isaiah 44:24; 45:3-4; Luke 1:11-15; John 1:6-8; Galatians 1:15-16; Psalm 22:10).

The point is: God created you as a PERSON. Each time God created something in Genesis He followed it by saying, *"... and it was good."*

God has a PATTERN for your life

God has a PATTERN for your life. God's call of Jeremiah says, *"Before you were born I set you apart [sanctified you]."* (Jeremiah 1:5) That is to say – God has a service for you to do ... and that the Lord had it before you were even born. Genesis 1:26 reads, *"Then God said, 'Let Us [God the Father, Son, Holy Spirit] make man in Our image, in Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'"*

It is evident that God intends to impress the mind of humanity with a sense of something extraordinary in the formation of his body and soul, when He introduces the account of His creation – That man's creation was a single act of divine wisdom and power ... over that of any other creature. God's image was upon man. Not that of His body, for God has not a body; but that of His soul and spirit; His intelligence; His immortality; His creative nature. God's image upon man consists of knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness.

Incline your ear, again, to God's Word:

- Ephesians 4:24 says, you were *"... created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."*
- Genesis 1:27 reads, *"So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

Other references include (Genesis 2:7; Psalm 71:5-6; Isaiah 43:7; 44:2, 21; Job 10:9-12; 31:15; Psalm 22:9-10; Isaiah 46:3; Psalm 119:73; Ecclesiastes 11:5)

God has a PURPOSE for your life

Again, in Jeremiah 1:5 we see God has a PURPOSE for your life. It reads, *"Before I formed you in the womb ... I ordained you a prophet to the nations."* Who are the nations? The nations are those other than the

Jews. This includes everyone. For Jeremiah did not only prophecy against the Jews, but also against the Egyptians, Babylonians, Moabites and other nations. The scripture uses this manner of speech to declare that God has appointed His ministers to their offices before they were born. Listen to these words of Isaiah 49:1 – *"Listen to me, hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth He has made mention of my name."* Or how about these words of Paul written in Galatians 1:15-16 – *"But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by His grace, was pleased to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles ..."*

Imagine among 57-million unborn fellow citizens over the past 41-years how many of them God created with the purpose of being Godly governmental and corporate leaders in this nation; physicians who could have healed many (perhaps your loved ones); scientists who may well have found a cure for such diseases as cancer; evangelists who may have lead thousands to Christ Jesus as their personal Savior.

The # 1 misconception in America today is the value of life. Just how valuable do you see Life?

On September 11, 2001, evil-doing terrorists killed over 3,000 people, and the outcry for justice was great; the cry of pain was heard throughout our nation. But listen: On September 12, 2001, 3,000 more lives were extinguished ... and again on the 13th and 14th and 15th ... and every day hence in America. Where's the weeping, anger, and outcry for justice? The Bible says that God hates the shedding of innocent blood. (read of Cain killing his brother Abel in Genesis 4:1-12) His righteous indignation remains to this day for such injustice. The pro-abortion crowd yells about 'freedom of choice.' They say, "It's my body ... and nobody is going to tell me what I can or cannot do with my body!" Oh, really? Think again. God has already spoken clearly. He looks justly and recognizes the baby's body as well. It's not hard to imagine an aborted baby in heaven

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asking God – “How could she do that? After all, it’s my body!”

Some studies report that as many as 90% of couples faced with an amniocentesis report of probable *Down’s Syndrome* will choose to abort. That’s a big number! And yet, do you know anyone with a *Down’s* child that doesn’t tell you that child is the light of their life, an absolute joy, the most loving person they’ve ever known? It’s evident in scripture that Jesus placed great value on those whom society has shuffled aside. Jesus showed special concern for the lame, the blind, the woman with the issue of blood, the lepers, and so on. In all cases, He was moved with compassion, put forth His hand and touched them. Can we do any less?

Now you may thoughtlessly think that this issue of abortion should be left to the government to decide; that it is a political issue, and not to be addressed from America’s pulpits. Listen: This is not party politics. The sanctity of human life is the one social issue that defines the morality of this nation, and each and every candidate that seeks election or appointment for public office. And if you are a Christian, then you must vote Pro-Life. Why? ... because God is Pro-Life, and you are privileged to bear His name as a Christian! If you voted for a candidate that is pro-choice rather than pro-life, then you need to ask God to forgive your foolish ways; your denial of His sovereign rule in your life; your lack of conviction to stand firmly on the uncompromising Word of God. Jesus warned us, *“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both ...”* (Luke 16:13) There’s your choice: Be obedient to God or suffer the consequences of disobedience. The reality is that 1 out of 4 women in our society have had an abortion. Within the Church, 1 out of 10 has had an abortion. There are thousands of women out in society that think they have no alternative but to abort. Well there is ... and the Church needs to help them. There’s no better platform from which to proclaim this message

than the Church. Listen: we serve a God who has outstretched arms waiting to comfort us; His provision of comfort is all encompassing – it covers all hurts, all needs, all failures. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

So, the question becomes: What difference can I make?

You probably remember the story of the young man walking along the seashore throwing starfish back in the water. There were many of them. Just then, an older gentleman came up and asked him what he was doing and why? The young man said, “I am saving the starfish;” to which the reply of the old man was, “But there are so many. What does it matter?” And with that the young man stopped, bent over, and picked another up and threw it back into the ocean and said, “It matters to this one.”

What can we do about abortion, you ask? Here are specific things that we can do to end abortion:

Be Informed

Don’t bury your head in the sand. Ignorance is not bliss. Ignoring the issue doesn’t make it go away. To do nothing is to be as sinful as those who participate in abortion. There are many specific ways of sinning, but they all fall generally under one or the other – the sins of ‘commission’ and the sins of ‘omission.’ The first, sins of commission, is a category of sin describing the things one did and shouldn’t have. The second, sins of omission, are the category that encompasses the sins of not doing what one should have. We don’t think as much about the sin of omission even though it is as pernicious and destructive as anything we could commit. When we know the right thing to do and don’t, that’s a sin.

Speak Out

Proverbs 31:8-9 says, *“Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all the unfortunate. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the rights of the afflicted and needy.”*

The 57-million babies aborted don’t have a voice, but we do. We need to start talking about it *whenever* and

wherever the subject matters ... without apology. That means defending life in the relevant conversations in the coffee shop ... as well as to contacting our law makers on capitol hill. The trends in this nation right now are clearly showing that people are uncomfortable with abortion. We have an opportunity (right now) to set right millions of wrongs. But we’ve got to make noise to make it happen.

For years the tact of the humanists and abortionists has been to make the most noise. It’s time that we talk back. We may not get a chance to testify before a congressional committee, but each one of you can contact your congressmen. You should – *“Open your mouth for the mute, for the rights of all the unfortunate ...”* That is righteousness; that is religion that God sees as undefiled.

Now, you might ask, “What will I say?” Tell them what you know. You don’t have to be a neonatal specialist to have a clue here. Women – I would think that your testimony is stronger in some respects than that of men. Way back around 200 AD there was a Christian theologian named Tertullian who recognized that as he argued against abortion in his day (it is an ancient evil!) he said, “I call on you, mothers, whether you are now pregnant or have already borne children; ... Tell us: Do you feel any stirring of life within you in the fetus? Does your groin tremble, your sides shake, your whole stomach throb as the burden you carry changes its position? Are not these moments a source of joy and assurance that the child within you is alive and playful? Should his restlessness subside, would you not be immediately concerned for him?”

Take what you know to be true and speak out! The goal must not be merely to limit, but to end the murder of innocents. We need to speak out, even at the risk of offending people. We need to win in the court of public opinion, and on capitol hill, and in the Supreme Court.

But we have to do more than speak out, we’ve got to step up to the plate and take action.

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Step Up

Proverbs 24:11-12 reads, *“Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to death; don’t stand back and let them die. Don’t try to avoid responsibility by saying you didn’t know about it. For God knows all hearts, and He sees you. He keeps watch over your soul, and He knows you knew! And He will judge all people according to what they have done.”*

We have got to do whatever we can to save those innocent lives. What does that mean you can do? In addition to equipping yourself to think and argue persuasively on the pro-life issue, we need to begin acting as if we believe that abortion is a serious moral wrong. We normally act based on what we believe to be true; but too often we’ve decided to become completely passive.

Now many of you might agree with the person who says, “I believe abortion is wrong, but I don’t have a right to tell a woman what to do? Oh really? Than why do we lock up thousands of people in prison for murder, rape and drugs every year? Haven’t we made an action based upon what we believe to be right or wrong? If we really believe abortion is murder (and it is) than we have the mandate to act against it.

How do you do that? Pray for God’s intervention certainly, but how about being the intervention? Rescue the perishing by intervening in the process ... if we can.

Yet as we step up to the plate to take action, we’ve got to remember that our goal is not to destroy people, but to bring them redemption. We need to destroy the sin, but we have got to make sure that in the process we don’t destroy the sinner. Remember the purpose of Christ? – to seek and save the lost? We too have got to reach out with compassion in hopes of redemption.

Reach Out

It is sad to say, but it’s easier as a Christian to confess to sins of adultery, fornication, or theft than it is to be a Christian who has had an abortion. We cannot forget that the procedure has two victims. The child is gone, but the mother remains ...

and more often than not, she is daily haunted with a memory she can’t erase. To that woman, God offers the sacred gift of complete forgiveness. Abortion has created a multitude of ‘walking wounded’ who silently suffer their guilt and their shame. And the devil uses the rhetoric to keep them locked in feelings of guilt, even if they’re Christians now.

The Church cannot afford to be self-righteous. Psalm 14 reminds us, *“...There is no one who does good. The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside, together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.”*

When we talk about an action plan, perhaps this one point needs to be actively put into our lives more loudly than the others; and that is this – An offer of acceptance and forgiveness to any who would dare to seek it.

Are you willing to be like Jesus in this? He stood before the crowd around Him and offered them redemption. Matthew 11:28-30 reads, *“Then Jesus said, ‘Come to Me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you. Let Me teach you, because I am humble and gentle, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke fits perfectly, and the burden I give you is light.’”*

As we reach out to a sin worn world, we need to carry the message that redemption is possible; acceptance is available; and that we are the people willing to offer it in the name of Jesus Christ. Accept without judgment and with compassion anyone who seeks redemption for anything.

Be Humble

Our situation in this nation cannot be solved by human means; we need Divine intervention to bring this country back to being a God-fearing, Christian nation. Jesus told His disciples – *“Apart from Me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5) God tells the Nation of Israel (and us) that apart from Him we have no Savior (Isaiah 43:11); no God (Isaiah 44:6);

and that there is no God apart from Him. (Isaiah 45:5, 21) So what does the Lord God say to us?

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we read – *“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

Who are His People? They are His covenant people. We are His People. We are called by His Name. And what are we called to do? ... but to humble ourselves. That is to stop being so full of ourselves and realize that whatever we have, we have because of God and not of ourselves. God will visit when His people reach a point of desperation. When we surrender that pride ... the idea that we can do pretty good on our own and whatever we darn well please ... and we get down on our knees and admit things are not as they should be, then God will come to His people. To humble ourselves is to recognize God for who He is; to bring ourselves low and exalt God. We come before Him to seek what His Will is in any and every situation. We read His Word and do what the Lord says ... not what we think it says. To seek His face is to desire an audience with Him. It is to pray; to converse with God; to plead for His mercy on America and to bring a national revival. The prayers of God’s righteous are more powerful than laws of politicians and rulings of judges.

Does the Church seek His face? ... and turn from their wicked ways? Is the Church speaking out against sin? Does the Church call sin a sin? It is not that the Bible has to change to society, it is that society must change its ways to conform with the Bible; nothing less will do. This is repentance; it is a turning and changing.

If we will do all as God has commanded, our God who keeps His promises, will HEAR from heaven, FORGIVE our sins and HEAL our land.

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