Wisdom Wins

"…I fear the power of choice over life or death at human hands. I see no human being whom I could ever trust with such power–not myself, not any other. Human wisdom, human integrity are not great enough. Since the fetus is a creature already alive and in the process of development, to kill it is to choose death over life. At what point shall we allow this choice? For me the answer is–at no point, once life has begun. At no point, I repeat, either as life begins or as life ends, for we who are human beings cannot, for our own safety, be allowed to choose death, life being all we know." (Novelist Pearl S. Buk)

Any serious pro-life activist will tell you that there is a lot of anger and hatred out there from those who balk at any challenge to their "right" to abortion—their choice to kill. I have been verbally assaulted on several occasions for the outrageous claims that "life is precious" and "every child deserves to be born." Interestingly…

- the pushback on the fact that life begins at conception is weakening since the evidence for this truth is so strong. Now, many abortion-minded individuals use apathy to diminish the science ("so what"), feed their denial ("I don't care"), and justify abortion as a means to elevate their quality of life.
- despite the "no uterus, no opinion" mantra, many pro-choice men seem to be increasingly hostile and demeaning toward pro-life women about the so-called infringement on "woman's rights." It is ironic how these men attack women in defense of women. Are they really that passionate or did they drink the emasculating kool-aid of misguided feminists? Or perhaps they fear the accountability of casual sex?

But today, I saw a photo (below) that took their delusion to a new level. It actually made my jaw drop at the sheer audacity and arrogance of its message. It demonstrates in living color how demented and depraved many in the pro-abortion camp have become and how low they will stoop. Besides the sheer blasphemy of the message, what are they trying to prove? What "mess" are they referring to? Redemption for mankind through Jesus Christ? If that's a mess, it's the most beautiful mess I know.

This broadening chasm between the pro-choice and pro-life camps calls to mind the two young mothers who went before King Solomon to settle a dispute (I Kings 3:16-28). As you probably recall, one of these women accidentally rolled onto her child during the night and he died. She quickly switched her dead child with the other woman's living child. When the latter woman awoke, she knew that the dead child was not hers. She brought the first woman before Solomon to make her case. Lack of evidence precluded King Solomon from judging in either woman's favor, so he ruled that the living child be cut in two, awarding each woman half of the child. Their response was as follows:

- Prolifia, Mother of Living Child, "Oh please, do not do that! She can have the child! I do not want any harm to befall him!!"
- Prochoicia, Mother of Dead Child, "Yeah, whatever, that's fair. Do it! I mean, if I can't have him, then neither should she."

Prochoicia seemed to selfishly view life as a disposable commodity, while Prolifia viewed life as precious, and valued the life of her own offspring above her own. Sound familiar? (Spoiler alert: King Solomon gave the child to Prolifia.)

Despite the vitriol, let's not allow the dark side of the pro-choice movement to deter us from continuing to reach out to the 60-70% in the "mushy middle" who are not extremists. The majority of people who call themselves "pro-choice" are reasonable people who just need accurate information, viable alternatives, and positive pro-life encounters. I am confident we can meet those needs! Perhaps we could adopt Paul's mission from Colossians 2:2. "My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding."

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