Dear Pro-Life Partners, June 15, 2026

Indulge me, if you will, in a collection of random musings I will call “A Mixed Bag of Thoughts.”

Robert Frost wrote, “Poetry is when emotion has a thought and that thought has found words.” My pastor summarized it this way, “Poetry is the language of the heart.” This rings true when we read the Psalms, a collection of poetry written by King David and others. Psalms 139 captures God’s heart when it speaks of being known in the womb before we were fearfully and wonderfully formed. He cherished us from the very beginning. This is why abortion grieves Him so.

For those who would claim to be against abortion, but do not have the right to "tell others what to do," the protection of the innocent at the hands of those who would destroy them is everybody's business as a civilized society. Abortion robs communities of their future leaders, future voters, future activists, future entrepreneurs, future families, and future friends--inordinately in African-American communities. That's just how Planned Parenthood's founder, Margaret Sanger, wanted it.

If someone were to ask you (in an attempt at a “gotcha” moment) “How many babies have *you* adopted?” you could respond, “I’ve adopted as many children as you have saved from human trafficking (because everyone, of course, is against human trafficking). The answer to both is probably zero, but this doesn’t mean we cannot fight against these atrocities. It is illogical to assume that anyone who works to rectify an injustice, especially one on a global sale such as abortion, is then individually responsible for all those affected. Are doctors, paramedics, firemen, and police officers expected to care for their success stories for the rest of their lives?

On a related note, some seem to resent the fact that pro-lifers passionately defend the unborn, while neglecting to fight for every other abused or marginalized child on the planet. Just ask them for the contact information where they volunteer so you can join them (wink). Or you could ask if they are angry that the American Heart Association doesn’t also fight to cure diabetes, or the American Cancer Society doesn’t also work to cure Alzheimer’s. Of course not, because *that* would be ridiculous. Choosing one cause in which to pour one’s energy is just what people do. Pro-lifers should not be vilified because we choose an inconvenient victim.

Well over half of abortion victims are female who will never grow into womanhood. Women deserve to be celebrated, not eliminated. Females are disproportionately aborted worldwide, robbing millions of the chance to make history. One’s gender should not carry a death sentence. As for existing women, I am not interested in taking away their rights, but neither am I willing to bestow on them a right that no one else has–to end a human life. An unborn child (even if you call it a fetus) is not a disposable female body part, regardless of its temporary residence. Science tells us that it became a distinctly separate human being at conception with its own unique DNA. For this reason, the “My Body, My Choice” argument cannot withstand scrutiny when applied to abortion. Not only is it inaccurate, it is also inconsistent. If a woman is allowed to eliminate a child without the father’s consent, he should be allowed to walk away without hers.

Furthermore, the modern euphemism “reproductive rights” is a misnomer. Women have the right to reproduce as much as they want or *prevent* a pregnancy how they like. Abortion bans do not interfere with this because once pregnant, reproduction has already occurred and gestation has begun. Giving a woman the right to an abortion does not create any more reproductive right than she already has. It simply awards her the additional right to take a life. True reproductive rights means deciding when or if pregnancy begins, not when it ends. Speaking of pregnancy, if a person lives to be 80, he or she will have spent roughly 1% of his or her life in the womb. Is it unreasonable to expect that women who are uniquely designed for pregnancy be willing to give temporary housing to a human being that not only reflects God’s image, but her own?

Admittedly, the drive to preserve our personal and inalienable right to life may result in taking someone else’s life, such as in self-defense. Rarely, however, would this need for self-preservation compel us to kill an innocent bystander. No wait. That happens literally all the time! Millions of times. And not even to save one’s literal life; rather, to maintain one’s *quality* of life. In 2025, there were 1.2 million abortions in the United States, not including abortion-friendly states such as California, Maryland, Michigan, and New Jersey, who are not required to report (Guttmacher Institute). This amounts to more than two (2) abortions *per minute*!

Friends, we are on the right side of truth. This is both a powerful tool and a great responsibility. As we engage in dialogue about the sanctity of life, we will encounter people from many different backgrounds, with varied experiences. So remember, without compassion, truth it is impotent.

Partnering with You for Life!

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