Courageous Conversations

General Subject: Humanity Specific Subject: Abortion

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Scripture References:

Job 31:15 Isaiah 44:2, 24 Psalm 139:13-14 Jeremiah 1:5 Galatians 1:15

Job 31:15

"Did not he (God) who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same one (God) form us both within our mothers?

Isaiah 44:2, 24

"This is what the Lord says – he who formed you in the womb, and who will help you.... This is what the Lord says – your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb."

Psalm 139:13-14

"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."

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

Number of annual abortions in America: 1 million Number of daily abortions in America: **over 2300** Most abortions are performed because **it is inconvenient to go** through a pregnancy and/or I don't want children. Tracing the history of (legal) abortion on demand. The **cultural** revolution and the **sexual** revolution were primary components in America's need to legalize abortions. Other contributing factors were: Charles Darwin sought to replace **supernatural** theology with **natural** selection as a means of explaining man's existence. What was the subtitle of Darwin's most famous book. On the Origin of Species? By Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favoured Races in the Struggle for Life.

The problem of too many unwanted pregnancies birthed the solution of **eugenics** and **abortion**.

Question: Has technology taught us anything about the nature of life in the womb?

For a pregnant woman, "I" becomes "we" and "me" becomes "us".

What is infanticide? How does that differ from abortion?

What is the meaning of "perinatal"?

How are we to respond to those who believe in abortion? How are we to converse with them?

"Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. . . . Do not overcome evil by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:17, 21)

On the Day of Pentecost:

Peter's indictment: Acts 2:23

The people's response: Acts 2:37

Peter's instruction: Acts 2:38

Question: If God offered forgiveness and restoration to those who had <u>killed</u> His Son, do you think there is any <u>sin</u> which is beyond the scope of His forgiveness and the reach of His love?

If you have had an abortion, God has not turned His back on you. God doesn't love what you did, but that does not mean He doesn't love YOU. God loves you with an incomprehensible love. He knows your secrets and He knows your heart. He knows your regret and your broken heart. Don't let all of God's love, mercy, kindness, and grace go to waste. Accept His forgiveness and live in the power of His love.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth nor ANYTHING ELSE in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39