

"After the abortion, she recalls being warned not to humanize it; "If you do think of it like a person, you're going to make yourself depressed." was the advice given to a teen mother on MTV. The advice she should have been given was: Seek God's forgiveness. Jesus does not turn away even the greatest sinner. His Most Tender Love is always ready to repair the broken-hearted - always ready to lift up the lowly, to console the mourner, and to bring all into the light of truth. He does not condemn, rather the evil doers condemn. His forgiveness is from age to age for those who seek it. His compassion reaches out to those who suffer. Like a physician, He heals spiritual wounds which bind many hearts. Accept God's forgiveness and forgive yourself. Do all you can to prevent other mothers from aborting their babies. January 22<sup>nd</sup> marks 38 years since Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy. 52 million Americans have been aborted in the past 38 years.

When former pro-choice actress Kathy Ireland was asked why she became pro-life, she said "Because my husband went to medical school." Kathy's husband taught her the scientific truth that a pre-born person is a living, distinct, whole person, just like everyone else; except for age, size, and venue, none of which makes a pre-born person less valuable than anyone else. Just as a 14 year old girl isn't more valuable than a 4 year old girl; a 4 year old girl isn't more valuable than a pre-born girl. Just as a 7 foot basketball player more isn't valuable than a 5 foot woman; a 5 foot woman is not more valuable than a pre-born girl. A person who exits an 8 inch birth canal isn't more valuable than a person who enters an 8 inch birth canal. A pre-born person is no less valuable than a person who has gone through the birthing process. God loves everyone.

Kathy Ireland wasn't the first to recognize that a person is a person no matter how small or that abortion is the ultimate child abuse. After WWII, the German Supreme Court wrote: "Let other nations do as they please. We know from bitter experience the enormities that result from the denial of the sanctity of human life; the assumption that some lives are worthless and hence disposable at the whim of the individual or the will of the State. Human life represents an ultimate value. It is the living foundation of human dignity and the prerequisite of all fundamental rights. The process of human development is a continuing process, permitting no sharp demarcation. Therefore protection cannot be limited and no distinction can be made between unborn and born life."

"In God we Trust" is stamped on our coins. Yet, we do not trust God to make life and death decisions. Instead, we trust mothers many of whom are young, confused, and in crisis to decide if their babies shall live and at the end of life many believe that we should trust government panels to determine who should die and who should live.

We should not be satisfied with simply encouraging others to soften their hearts and avoid doing evil. We must get them to aspire to the sanctity to which God calls them: to love everyone, to accept the truth that all human life begins at conception and should only end naturally, to seek God's guidance in everything.

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