

Sermon Notes
"A Pro-Life Parable"

1. A Very Good _____ (v. 25)

2. A Great _____ and the Best _____
(vv. 26-29)

3. A Timeless _____ (vv. 30-35)

4. A _____ Conclusion (vv. 36-37)

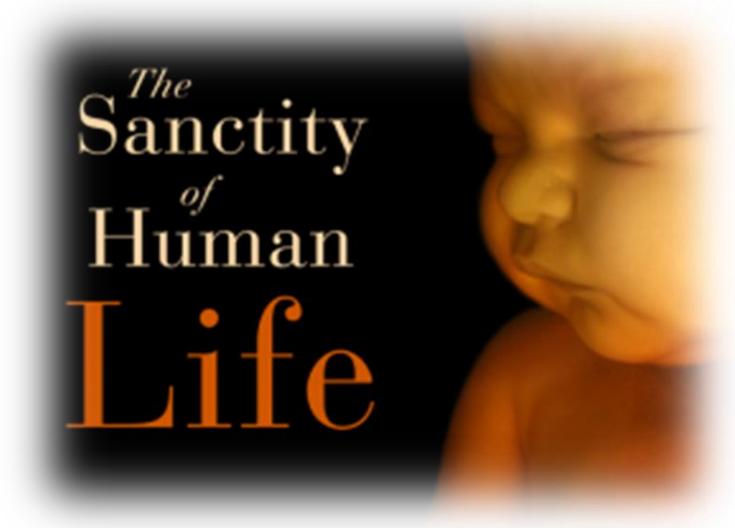
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"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well."

Psalm 139:13-14

Welcome!

- ✦ If you're visiting with us today, please fill out a **visitor's card** and drop it in the offering box. We're glad you're here!
- ✦ **Pro-Life Opportunity:** The American Life League will be supporting the annual Roe Vs Wade observance of the murder of over 54 Million babies in our Country in front of Ridgecrest Hospital on Thursday Jan 22nd at 4:00 PM. Signs and placards for use will be available just north of the hospital along China Lake Blvd under the trees, for those who attend. The hospital still has a policy to allow elective abortions should a doctor choose to perform one. Also, approximately 125 Ridgecrest women per year have abortions.
- ✦ Please remember our **annual church business meeting** on Feb. 1st.
- ✦ We could use some help with various **projects** around our church facility. Please speak to one of the deacons if you are interested in helping.
- ✦ If you are interested in learning more about Cornerstone membership, please attend a three-week **membership class** on Sunday afternoons from 2:30-4:00 starting on Feb. 8th.
- ✦ You're invited to browse through the materials available in our **book corner, library, and booklet center** in Unit B.
- ✦ There is an **offering box** on the table at the back of the room for tithes, gifts, and offerings. Giving is an act of worship.



"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me."

Martin Luther

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School-9:15 AM • Worship-10:45 AM
Biblical Counseling Course-4:00 • Youth & Ladies' Groups - 6:30 PM

Ways to Help Unborn Babies and their Mothers

By Randy Alcorn

1. **Open your home.** Help a pregnant girl or welcome an "unwanted" child for foster care or adoption. Or devote one day a week to watching the children of single mothers. This is a prolife ministry to them and to their children.
2. **Volunteer your time, talents, and services.** Give personal care to pregnant women, newborns, drug babies, orphans, the handicapped, the elderly, street people, and others in need. Donate time, equipment, furniture, clothes, professional skills, and money to pregnancy centers, adoption ministries, women's homes, abstinence agencies, and right-to-life educational and political organizations and other prolife groups. Mow their lawn, do their cleaning or plumbing, design a website for them, fix their computers.
3. **Become thoroughly informed.** Know the facts so you can rehearse in advance the best responses to the prochoice arguments. Many fine books, tapes, and videos are available, as well as excellent (and usually free) prolife newsletters. There are many outstanding prolife websites, such as www.Abort73.com and www.standupgirl.com. While surgical abortions have somewhat decreased, chemical abortions are increasing. Become informed about RU-486, the abortion pill. Investigate Norplant, Depo-Provera, the Mini-Pill, and even the birth control pill. Though primarily contraceptives, they sometimes permit conception, and may prevent the newly conceived person from implanting in the endometrium, thereby causing early abortions. Become informed enough to draw your own conclusions.
4. **Promote discussions of abortion.** Go to Internet chat rooms, bringing prolife perspectives. Consider establishing your own prolife website. Give regular visibility to the issue via Facebook, blogs, and Twitter. Call in and speak up on talk shows. Ask for equal time on television and radio stations that present the prochoice position. Order and distribute prolife literature. Speak up so the prochoice bandwagon doesn't go unchallenged. It's vitally important that we approach subjects such as abortion in a Christ-like manner. Jesus came full of grace and truth (John 1:14). If people are to see Jesus in us, we must offer the truth with grace.
5. **Write letters.** Be courteous, concise, accurate, and memorable. Quote brief references cited in Why Pro-Life? and the more comprehensive Pro-Life Answers. Letters to the editor in a national magazine or larger newspaper may be read by hundreds of thousands.
6. **Be politically active.** Meet with your representatives and share your views on abortion. Draft, circulate, and sign petitions for prolife ballot measures. Run for political office, school board, or precinct chairperson. Stand by prolife candidates with your time and money. Vote.
7. **Pray regularly for prolife ministries, churches, church leaders, mothers, and babies.** Organize your own prayer group either in your home or on site at an abortion clinic. If the darkness of child-killing is to be overcome with the light of truth and compassion, it will require spiritual warfare, fought with humble and persistent prayer (Ephesians 6:10-20).
8. **Ask yourself,** "Five minutes after I die, what will I wish I would have given on behalf of the helpless while I still had the chance?" We have a brief opportunity—a lifetime on earth—to use our resources of time and money to make an eternal difference. Picture the moment in Heaven, and think how you'll feel when someone smiles broadly and says, "Thank you! Your gifts helped save my life...and my child's."



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