

Introduction for Bridges Class July 14, 2024

Covenant partner, Doctor Fred Brown, is a retired OB/Gyn whose career was segmented into military medicine, mainstream private practice, and medical education.

He is a member of the Christian Medical & Dental Associations and has served for 20 years on the San Antonio Area Council for CMDA.

He has lectured on the spiritual aspects of medicine at the local, regional, and national levels.

He is a recognized spokesperson on the topics of Ultrasound, Sexual Health, Breast Cancer, Hormone Therapy, Life Expectancy, and The Sanctity of Life.

Life's Perspectives

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First, on a related issue to my testimony, it is important to bring to your attention a phenomenal resource and blessing on the ground level of our church in the Kingdom Restoration Lab: the AWC Center-Downtown, formerly known as 'Any Woman Can'. The initials AWC now stand for "Acceptance – Wellness – Care". The change in the name was necessary when men were provided medical care & mental health resources.

AWC is a free Christ-centered ministry that provides a safe environment where people, females and males (individual or as couples), are empowered to make informed decisions regarding pregnancy, sexual health, and mental health. Clinically they provide free Sexually Transmitted Disease diagnosis and treatment for females and males, pregnancy testing, first trimester ultrasounds, and counselling for pregnancy options.

An unintended or unplanned pregnancy is more than a dilemma. Dilemma: from Greek di - two lemmas - pathways. "A situation involving choice between two equally unsatisfactory alternatives."

An unintended pregnancy is actually a Tri-Lemma with three unsatisfactory alternatives:

- 1) maintaining the pregnancy and keeping the baby in either single parenthood or in a marriage/relationship with significantly negative career and/or financial consequences
- 2) maintaining the pregnancy and relinquishing the baby by adoption
- 3) abortion

The AWC Center vision statement is: "to walk with people from crisis to comeback."

On this past Mother's Day an all-new mobile unit — the "Clinic on Wheels" was on display at the Avenue E entrance to the Kingdom Restoration Lab.

Here is a picture of the exterior of the unit.

On the inside of the unit is First Pres Pastor Mitchell Moore on the left, Man2Man founder John Wright in the middle and AWC Executive Director Julie Corbett on the right.

It is wonderful to identify answered prayers. It is glorious to identify two simultaneously answered prayers. The AWC Center was praying for men to participate in their ministry and at the same time a local businessman named John Wright was praying for the opportunity to contribute to the sanctity of life mission field. Both prayers were answered three years ago when John knocked on the AWC door.

John Wright founded the Man2Man program in the AWC Center. It recruits and trains men to interact with the men who come to the center. They assess personal and spiritual locations, are relationship advocates, act as mentors, and have available a interactive educational video series to prepare for fatherhood.

First Pres Church has co-hosted two Man2Man breakfasts in Westminster Hall filled to capacity and four stellar guest speakers.

Here is an image of John Wright at last year's breakfast with the clear message above him, "Fatherhood begins in the womb."

The first year out of town speaker was African American activist Roland Warren who is the national leader of CareNet, a network of pregnancy resource centers. He was not an affirmative action or DEI admission to Princeton in that he was a talented football running back with high academic achievement. He fell in love with a San Antonio Latina who likewise was admitted to Princeton based on academic achievement.

They became pro-life when faced with an unintended pregnancy. They were encouraged by a school nurse to abort. Instead, she and Warren got married, she went on to become a doctor, and their first child recently graduated from Harvard. After a successful career on Wall Street, Roland devotes all of his efforts in the sanctity of life mission field.

The second speaker the first year was UTSA football coach Jeff Traylor whose dramatic adoption saga of his wife was compelling and hilarious.

The second-year headliner was nationally renowned Ryan Bomberger, a bi-racial pro-life activist and the founder with his wife of the Radiance Foundation. He was conceived in rape and adopted into a multiracial family as one of 13 children, most of whom also were adopted.

The second presenter was by Trinity University football coach Jerheme Urban. After graduation from Trinity in 2003 where he was a superstar student-athlete, he enjoyed a nine-year career in the National Football League. He shared his challenging upbringing and thanked the Christian men in professional football and beyond who impacted him as a Christian man, husband, father, and coach.

Hats off to AWC Centers and First Pres local missions!

Now for my testimony. The premiere for this presentation was on May 10th at the First Pres KEYS luncheon. When I became aware of the need for a substitute speaker, I was inspired to volunteer a new presentation. The topic and its substance had been germinating for over five years.

The major focus is on abortion. You all are the intended and desired audience. We all were in our late teen and early adult years in the 1960s and 1970s. We each have memories of those tumultuous years. The Lord placed me at ground zero of the cultural war over abortion. I am here today to thank the Lord for where he placed me and to share with you what I observed and experienced.

Three types of experiences will be interwoven in the message: personal, medical, and spiritual. Three major topics will be interwoven in the message: medical science, cultural warfare, and the sanctity of life. Abortion is defined as the intentional termination of a healthy pregnancy.

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court decision Roe vs. Wade elevated abortion laws in each state to the national level through case law.

Four important questions regarding abortion will be addressed:

- 1) What is necessary to believe to make abortion rational and ethical?
- 2) Is abortion medical care? (Does abortion promote health or prevent disease?)
- 3) When does life begin?
- 4) What point is a baby entitled to human rights?

I stand before you today as a brother in Christ — a sinner saved by grace. Today I will share with you my journey from altar boy to abortionist to a follower of Jesus Christ and an advocate for life.

I am not from these parts.

I am from “Up East” — way “Up East” in New England.

I am the second oldest child in a Catholic family with eight children where Catholicism had significant ritual and cultural importance. However, no mention was made of a loving God or of a personal relationship with Jesus. In junior high school I was an altar boy and knew the Mass in Latin.

At the age of fifteen my medical career commenced as an orderly at the city hospital in my hometown of Woonsocket, R.I. Over the next six years I progressed from orderly to phlebotomist to laboratory technician.

The foundation of my social awareness developed through my being imbedded in the connectedness of this small, dynamic hospital community. Ninety percent of my coworkers were females. Their adult conversations openly in my presence did not take into consideration my age or naivete.

I overheard individual and family dysfunctions that were shocking. I also became aware of unintended pregnancies that were safely aborted in nearby NY state where the 1830 prohibition of abortion was not enforced.

One pathologist who had recently completed his residency mentored me. A lifelong friendship blossomed. He taught me as we worked together and encouraged me to keep focused on the long-term goal of graduating from medical school in what was a ten-year journey.

My pre-med education was at the University of Vermont. I was an active Catholic throughout college and the first part of medical school. My experience in Vermont was productive, rewarding, and remarkably peaceful in an idyllic location.

The sexual revolution was well underway. The birth control pill arrived in 1960. It was common knowledge that safe abortions could be obtained in nearby New York state.

My tranquil life ceased in early September 1967 when I enrolled in Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. Although it was a Catholic institution, I did not meet Jesus there.

The chaos in our country was very similar to today yet on a much simpler level. The media consisted of three major television networks, AM radio, a few major newspapers to include the New York Times and the Washington Post, and to include major magazines like Time and Life.

The modus operandi however was the same as today: to control the narrative of what was reported as well as of what was not reported. They engaged in well coordinated propaganda, spreading biased & misleading information to promote legalized abortion.

The practice of reproductive medicine was in the dark ages. The diagnosis of an early pregnancy was based solely on menstrual history, symptoms of pregnancy, and physical examination. There was an absence of assurance of a viable pregnancy from conception until the middle of the pregnancy at 20-weeks gestation (four and a half months) when the mother could feel the baby move and the preborn baby's heartbeat could be heard with a stethoscope.

Our country was in chaos with the raging issues of the Vietnam War and racial tensions.

On Thursday April 4, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr was assassinated in Memphis and riots erupted in central Washington, DC. The city was a war zone for four days. Over 13,000 active-duty armed forces with armed rifles, occupied the city to quell the riots which resulted in 13 deaths and multi million dollars of destruction.

Simultaneously, the Catholic church implemented changes from the Second Vatican Council, also known as Vatican 2, which turned the Catholic world upside down. It is not that I had a crisis of faith or that I walked away. With the Vatican 2 changes, the Catholic church left me.

Radical second-wave feminism was cresting where sexuality and reproductive rights were dominant issues.

In the midst of the profound dissonance, the controversy of abortion was ever present in the mainstream media.

In 1961 a highly publicized prolonged medical drama — cover of Life magazine — was used to support legal abortion in the state of Arizona. A children's television personality had inadvertently taken the tranquilizer thalidomide for morning sickness. Her husband had purchased the medication over the counter in England. It had been recently discovered that thalidomide caused complications in pregnancy to include pregnancy loss and severe congenital anomalies. The laws of Arizona allowed abortion only if the mother's life was in danger.

The abortion advocates and the complicit media committed egregious violations of confidentiality and manipulation of the circumstances to maximize the clarion calls for legalized abortion.

A viral disease played a prominent role in changing the conversation about abortion. Between 1964 and 1965 the German measles (rubella) epidemic in the United States posed significant dangers to unborn children. The vaccine for prevention was not yet available. During that short period there were 12.5 million cases of German measles and 20,000 pregnancies were exposed in the first trimester. There was a prolonged outcry to have legal abortion available to every woman who contracted the disease in the first trimester.

Examples of deaths from illegal abortions were prominently publicized.

Starting in 1967 there was a parade of headlines of both major and minor changes in state laws to decriminalize abortion. In 1970, Hawaii became the first state to legalize abortion at the request of the woman. New York state formally rescinded its 1830 law prohibiting abortion which was being ignored. The State of Washington passed a referendum legalizing early pregnancy abortions, becoming the first state to legalize abortion through a vote of the people.

The prevailing message in the media without opposition was that an early pregnancy was "A clump of cells", "Just tissue", or "Nothing more than a blob of flesh".

Tragically, I saw an 18-year-old from the suburbs die in DC General Hospital from complications of an illegal abortion. DC General was the government or charity hospital in the worst part of the District of Columbia. When complications occurred, she was so ashamed about the abortion that she went to DC General without telling her parents and died of sepsis.

On the other hand, it was common knowledge where safe, illegal first trimester abortions could be obtained at upscale OB-Gyn practices.

In May 1971, I graduated from Georgetown and moved to Hawaii where I was an intern at Tripler Army Medical Center. Abortion was no longer illegal in Hawaii and abortions were performed when requested. I was young and impressionable — a captive of the culture — a sign of the times.

I had been “Drinking the Kool-aid” — believing and accepting that abortion was acceptable based primarily upon the overpowering coaxing of the narratives of the culture and the media — and I readily participated performing abortions. I did what I thought was right in my own eyes.

In July 1972, I was an OB/Gyn resident for three years at Madigan Army Medical Center in Washington State. As abortion was no longer illegal in Washington, I continued to perform abortions.

On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court ruling of Roe versus Wade stated:

“We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins. When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the judiciary, at this point in the development in man’s knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer.”

The Supreme Court would not speculate as to the beginning of life, due to a lack of consensus. This is an example of moral, philosophical, and medical manipulation. They should have “followed the long-established sciences of embryology and reproductive physiology”. Instead, they decreed that abortion was not against the law. Rather it was a private matter between the pregnant woman and her physician.

After my residency I was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado in Colorado Springs where abortion on demand in the first trimester of pregnancy was the standard of care. I also worked for Planned Parenthood performing abortions for additional income.

The turning point for me was when Congress passed a law in 1976 that prohibited abortions in government hospitals or at government expense. The hospital commander also directed that I no longer had permission to work for Planned Parenthood.

At the time I was unaware that this would mark the end of my role as an abortionist.

The next twenty years were dominated by dynamic personal drama to include a successful private practice in Colorado Springs, backsliding into a prodigal lifestyle, a divorce that was my fault, my two daughters coming to faith in Jesus which led to my coming to faith in Jesus, selling my practice, returning to active duty at Brooke Army Medical Center, and marriage to my Texas bride Marian who was baptized here at Frist Presbyterian Church San Antonio.

Almost 20 years after my role as an abortionist, at a church here in San Antonio, a pastor preached on the sanctity of life Sunday. He shared that abortion affects all of us in one way or another. He said that if you have ever been involved with an abortion to “confess your sin and God is faithful and just and will forgive you your sin and protect you from all unrighteousness.”

I was immediatelywhelmed with the stark reality of my past as an abortionist. At that instant, I felt that blood was still on my hands. I had developed a selective memory deficit. I had psychologically suppressed the memory of my role as an abortionist. I had proudly kept track of every delivery in my career. However, if you asked me how many babies I had aborted, I would not have a specific number. It was in the hundreds.

By that time, I was aware of three pertinent passages from my study of the Bible:

1) In the Old Testament books of Exodus and Deuteronomy, one of the Ten Commandments is “Thou shalt not murder”.

2) In Proverbs 6 there is a list of things that the Lord hates. One of which, in the Message by Eugene Peterson, is “hands that murder the innocent.”

3) In Deuteronomy 30:19 “This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings, and curses. Now choose life so that you and your children may live”.

The pastor also directed to “confess your sin to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed”. My community of faith rose to the occasion and helped me navigate the turbulent emotional and spiritual consequences.

On the one hand, I am ashamed of the man and the doctor that I once was. On the other hand, confessing sin brings glory to God and brings us closer to Him. I am so blessed to be where the Lord has led me, assured of His forgiveness through the blood of Jesus. I am so grateful that “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!” Truly — Amazing Grace!

I share from my heart that I know that the process of confession and the assurance of forgiveness of my sins through the blood of Jesus is real. However, it has taken years to emotionally appropriate that reality. I will never forget my history as an abortionist. As time goes by, the memory is less prominent.

The Lord is still with me in the healing process. A few years ago, I heard a sermon on the 51st Psalm. Later that week during my daily devotions, while meditating on the psalm, I was specifically impacted by verse 14:

Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
you who are God my Savior,
and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

Precisely, the Lord has delivered me from the guilt of my past and I am using my tongue today to proclaim His righteousness. This has taken me to a higher level of peace.

In January 2012, I retired from a teaching position at the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency Program in San Antonio, Texas. My eight years there comprised the best chapter in my medical career. It was a premier residency program that attracted the best and brightest young physicians from around the country. It was a faith-based hospital whose mission was “To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ”. They truly lived their mission. It was permissible for me to share that I was a Christian physician and it was encouraged to assess the spiritual location of others that came across my path.

My role was a player-coach. Namely, in a full medical practice setting, my primary mission was to teach residents & medical students with maximum clinical involvement. As an OB/Gyn in a teaching role, I was blessed to perform and teach ultrasound in pregnancy.

In the broad range of medical education procedures, there are three attributes of ultrasound that are truly spectacular:

- 1) Basic ultrasound is rapidly learned.
- 2) There are no known complications.
- 3) The highly technical apparatus is durable and not exorbitantly expensive.

This was an opportunity to share the miracle of life without saying a word. It was a joy to introduce the preborn babies to the pregnant mothers and to the fathers & families. It is the beginning of wondrous & beautiful love stories. It is truly an honor and a privilege to be present as they experience love at first sight.

It took over a decade after my salvation before I revealed my abortionist past in academic medicine and in the sanctity of life mission field. I then incorporated a lecture on abortion into the ultrasound lecture series where I shared my dark past towards the end of the lecture. The lecture covered the history of ultrasound in obstetrics where significant improvements occurred roughly every 10 years. In the 1970s the display was like an etch-a-sketch and did not show movement. In the 1980s Real-Time ultrasound showed movement in the second and third trimesters.

Now I delight in sharing with you the blessings of modern medical technology found in ultrasound — Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

An important ultrasound is performed in the middle of the pregnancy at 20 weeks gestation. This is the last time that the entire pre-born baby can be seen in one image. For reference here is a photographic image with the baby looking up and the red above him represents the placenta. This image details how the baby’s first complete physical examination is accomplished. Note the forehead, neck, spine, heart, diaphragm, kidney, and stomach.

However, it was not until the 1990s, 20 years after the changes in the laws to allow abortion, that the ultimate improvement with the intracavitary or transvaginal transducer opened the window into life in the womb in the first trimester revealing a heartbeat around six weeks gestation and precisely detailing the growth and development of preborn babies. This was the scientific equivalent to the moon landing or the Hubble Space Telescope! This coincided with the introduction of Doppler devices that transmit the baby's heartbeat audibly around 6 weeks gestation.

For reference, this image of appropriately sized objects demonstrates the remarkably precise ultrasound resolution of the developing pre-born baby: a 1.7 cm dime, a 5 mm yolk sac the size of a baby aspirin, a 1 cm gestational sac the size of a 1 cm marble, 4 mm 6 week baby the size of a ½ kernel of uncooked rice, and finally medications of 1 cm, 2 cm and 3 cm lengths corresponding to 7, 8, and 9 weeks gestation.

Let's explore the beginning of life and then follow the progress of a preborn baby with ultrasound images — a picture is worth a thousand words. There will be 9 ultrasound images from the first trimester and followed by a picture of the newborn baby at 9 months.

The first image is of a non-pregnant uterus with thin endometrial lining.

The next image is a uterus very early in pregnancy at 4 weeks gestation. This is a day after the missed period and the day of a positive urine pregnancy test.

Ultrasound displays differences in tissue density. The clearest distinction is between solids and liquids. The rounded outer portion is the muscular wall of the uterus. The lighter thickened band in the middle is the less dense endometrium into which the pregnancy implanted. However, the pregnancy is too small at 4 weeks gestation to be detected by ultrasound.

One week later at 5 weeks gestation there is 5 mm yolk sac, which is the size of a baby aspirin resting inside of a 1 cm gestational sac. At this stage the preborn baby is too small to be detected by ultrasound and a viable pregnancy therefore cannot yet be confirmed.

A week later at 6 weeks gestation the preborn baby is 4 mm, the size of 1/2 uncooked kernel of rice. It is truly phenomenal to demonstrate the heartbeat at this time! This image confirms the diagnosis that there is a pregnancy in the uterus — that there is life! This the date of this image with the dynamic beating heart provides the most accurate due date for the pregnancy.

A week later at 7 weeks the preborn baby is the size of 1 cm

A week later at 8 weeks the preborn baby is 2 cm and there are limb buds.

At 9 weeks the baby is 3 cm long and begins to move. Crisp images of the baby include the full body. Amazingly feet and hands can be seen.

Later at 12 weeks the baby is 6 cm long and a full face and broad shoulders are seen.

When it became known outside of academic medicine that I was an abortionist in the past, I was encouraged by the Christian Medical & Dental Associations and by Focus on the Family, to share the transformation in my life and in my heart and in my soul.

The first public presentation was at the Gala for the San Antonio Pregnancy Care Center with 900 in attendance at the new Grand Hyatt where I was a local speaker prior to the featured speaker, Governor Mike Huckabee.

The title of the ten-minute presentation was “Matters of the Heart” where I confirmed that ultrasound demonstrates a beating heart at 6-weeks and that abortion stops a beating heart and that we are called upon to protect the precious preborn babies, to prevent broken hearts, and to change the hearts of individuals as my heart had been changed.

Later in my research of changes of heart through the science of ultrasound, I found the ultimate change of heart in Doctor Bernard Nathanson who was an OB/Gyn in New York City. Bernard N. Nathanson was an American medical doctor and co-founder in 1969 of the National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL). He was for a time the director of the Center for Reproductive and Sexual Health (CRASH) in New York, then the largest freestanding abortion facility in the world. He also wrote that he performed an abortion on a woman whom he had impregnated.

The scientific and technologic breakthrough in diagnostic ultrasound in pregnancy led him to a dramatic 180-degree change. His journey was from observant Jew to atheist high profile abortionist to devoted follower of Christ.

Doctor Nathanson wrote: “I am deeply troubled by my own increasing certainty that I had in fact presided over 60,000 deaths.”

He went on to produce two documentaries and to write two books on his dramatic journey. He wrote the book *Aborting America* in which he confessed to “the dishonest beginnings of the abortion movement” with blatant lies and massive propaganda.

The time-honored science of embryology long ago established that life begins at conception. For over the past 60 years rampant deception and intentional distortion was propagated regarding when human life begins. A self-deception multiplied among many like-minded persons becomes mass-deception. It easily occurs in people who are committed to a social agenda. Only willful ignorance or intentional distortion could lead someone to claim that life begins at some point other than at conception.

Today the scientific facts based on reproductive physiology, genetics, embryology, and ultrasound are markedly advanced compared to the early 1970s. The physical beginning of human life is when the sperm and egg unite at conception. The complete, unique functional DNA of every human being is present at conception. The scientific observation of a human being from conception through birth reveals seamless human development.

I have been blessed to incorporate the sanctity of life lectures into hospital residency programs and at medical schools. Prior to Covid, I travelled with CMDA leadership to share the sanctity of life presentation at eighteen medical schools in Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. I would share my continued grief that ultrasound was not available to demonstrate the truth that abortion stops a beating heart and that the established science of embryology was either ignored or suppressed.

In the presentations, I educated and equipped the audiences with information from the National Institutes of Health and from medical textbooks in the subjects of Reproductive Medicine and Embryology. I demonstrated that the science is firmly established that life begins at conception. I then proceeded to share ultrasound images of Intra-Uterine Life at each week in the first trimester.

In between the last two CMDA tours, I acquired a masterpiece medical chart. At the annual visit with my primary care doctor, who was aware of my activities affirming the sanctity of life with CMDA, I admired the art on the wall in the exam room.

My physician said “Fred, you may have it as a gift. I am confident that you will put it to good use.”

For the last six medical school presentations in 2019, I travelled with the chart. I would hang the chart facing toward the blackboard. At the culmination of the lecture, when I repeated “The science is firmly established that life begins at conception. The science of embryology has long confirmed that life begins at conception.” I would flip the chart and explain the fine details to the amazement of the students and faculty in the audience at the 1916 copyright date over 100 years ago!

In the early 20th Century before the days of slide projectors and PowerPoint, anatomical medical charts were a mainstay in medical lectures. Doctor Gustave H. Michel, M.D., B.Sc. was a French scientist born around 1850. He was a man of many talents: physician, anatomist, medical illustrator, bacteriologist, physiologist, chemist, and inventor.

The title of this masterpiece is: Intra-Uterine Life — showing the phenomenon of reproduction and the progress of growth from conception to birth. The top third of the chart covers from isolated ova and sperm to conception to an 8-week embryo. The bottom two thirds displays the entire pregnancy.

When I retired from the rigorous travel on the CMDA circuit four years ago at the age of 75, I was inspired to find an appropriate home for the masterpiece with the donation to First Presbyterian Church 'Any Woman Can' women's health clinic located in the Kingdom Restoration Lab.

I have been blessed to be the featured speaker at Pregnancy Care Center Galas ten times in Texas and in Colorado. It is deeply meaningful to see what God is doing with these powerful grassroots ministries. I share with you also that based on my transparency, there are numerous opportunities in the healing process of women, men, families, and others in medicine in dealing with their participation in abortion.

The last gala where I was the featured speaker was titled "A Celebration of Life" at Bulverde Baptist Church. The venue was overflowing — in excess of 500 in the audience. At the end of the presentation, I was available to meet and greet people. Over 50 individuals waited patiently to visit with me. I was impacted by the high number of males and females in their 60s and 70s who would have been in their teens and twenties prior to the impact of ultrasound in the 1980s.

The genuine gratitude and intimate sharing of their burdens was truly amazing — examples of confessions — the 70-year-old woman who tearfully thanked me for providing clarity to the tumultuous years of her early 20s when she had an abortion and the 65-year-old male lawyer who confessed that in law school he impregnated his girlfriend and insisted and paid for the abortion. He confessed that the memory haunted him and that he had never told anyone.

Ever since I am an advocate for the sanctity of life while extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. I interact with others — patients, their families, colleagues, residents, medical students, church members, neighbors, and whomever the Lord brings across my path or sits next to me on an airplane.

I share with you also that based on my transparency of having been an abortionist, the Lord has provided numerous opportunities in the healing process of women, men, families, and others in medicine in dealing with guilt regarding their participation in abortion.

I emphasize what we know now through the science of procreation and ultrasound.

The answers to the 4 important questions regarding abortion:

- 1) What is necessary to believe to make abortion rational and ethical?
That life is meaningless
- 2) Is abortion medical care? Namely, does abortion promote health or prevent disease? No – abortion stops a beating heart
- 3) When does life begin? – at conception
- 4) What point is a baby entitled to human rights? At conception

In the years leading up to Roe versus Wade, the Christian church, the general public, and the world of medicine were either unaware or intentionally passive to the coordinated onslaught of those that were determined to have unrestricted legal abortion.

Interestingly, the announcement of the Roe versus Wade decision in the third week of January 1973 attracted minimal attention. It was noted deep in the pages of the New York Times. I share with you the amazing headline that day: LBJ Dead!

I close in a prayer with material that I gained from The Eric Metaxas Podcast in an interview with political/cultural commentator Kevin McCullough.

Dear Lord, we pray to live obediently, think clearly, speak forcefully, love enthusiastically, and be consistent as God's followers to develop the growth of the church, influencing everything we touch for the good of Jesus and at the same time loving people to their best outcomes." We pray this in the holy name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior with the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Thank you so much for your time and attention. May God bless you.