

February Edition: The Good Samaritan was pro-life.



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The Good Samaritan was pro-life. Think about it: The counterfeit compassion of pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia proponents can be likened to the people who deemed death to be better for the man who was beaten and near death on the side of the road. Our Lord Jesus Christ described the Good Samaritan, who cared and stood up for the man to live, to be the one who loved his neighbor -not those who thought the victim was better off dead.



True compassion makes comfortable those who are vulnerable. True compassion treats and does not passively pass by. True compassion stands up for the defenseless and has no prejudice against the suffering. The Good Samaritan was pro-life. So should we be.

Life is sacred. It's dangerous and tragic when some people's lives are protected and others' lives are not. Abortion selects who lives and who dies. To put it succinctly, abortion means murdering babies. Unborn babies are still babies. Their lives should be protected, not eliminated. It deeply grieves our hearts that over 60 million unborn children have been killed since 1973 through Roe v. Wade.

Most recently, there have been numerous attempts to advance infanticide in the United States as well. Infanticide means killing babies who have been born. It is frightening how people have become so callous to the gift of life and have accepted evil as being normal and a "choice".

Recently, Democrats in the U.S. Senate blocked the [Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act](#). This resistance is horrific! Let the suffering baby be cared for and adopted! Sadly, the Senate voted only 53-44 in favor of the measure that would have given medical care for children born alive after failed abortions. Tragically, the Act needed 60 votes to move forward so it did not pass. The bill would have saved babies. The bill would have alleviated their suffering. It is unconscionable that the opponents passively enable murder!

The bill was basic: The legislation said that "any health care practitioner present at the time the child is born alive shall exercise the same degree of professional skill, care, and diligence to preserve the life and health of the child as a reasonably diligent and conscientious health care practitioner would render to any other child born alive at the same gestational age."

The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act was created in response to recently radical laws expanding abortion in various states. These radical anti-life laws have increased and accelerated because pro-abortionists fear Roe v. Wade could be repealed by the U.S. Supreme Court. They are desperate to advance their cause of death.

Abortion survivors such as Melissa Ohden (who is from our home state of Iowa, by the way) is the founder of [The Abortion Survivors Network](#). After a failed saline infusion abortion over a five-day period in 1977, Melissa was delivered on the fifth day. Her mother's labor induced with the intent of delivering a dead baby. However, Melissa beat the odds and miraculously survived.

A compassionate nurse found Melissa and she intervened. The nurse remembers it vividly: "She just kept gasping for breath, and I couldn't just leave her there to die." Without that nurse, Melissa would have died.

Melissa recalls, "I look upon their lives every single day and know that they never would have lived if that nurse that day wouldn't have been willing to rush me off to the NICU. You know, no child should have their (life) left in the hands of their abortionist or a medical professional to "somehow" decide to provide the medical care. We need this bill not only to ensure we're provided medical care, but that there's a penalty when there's failure to do so."

Please read this edition of ***Unite the USA*** to read more about Melissa Ohden and her story. We have also included resources about adoption and pregnancy crisis and tips about how you can defend life.

But there is hope. Life will win. How do we know? Our Creator God always wins! We know that the Lord values all life. With Him, all things are possible. We must continue to defend life and pray for life. Pray for opponents to come to Jesus.

In addition, join us as we support and pray for the many wonderful defenders of life in positions of leadership. Pray for them as they fight for pro-life laws.

In God we still trust,

Carrie and Stacie Stoelting

Co-Founders of UnitetheUSA.org

Resources for Life

1. We all must do all we can to save the lives of children both born and unborn. Never give up in the cause for life! Children are innocent and need our voices to speak out on their behalf. Here is a link to the [National Right to Life](#) where you can learn ways to be involved in protecting life.

2. If you think you might be pregnant and need help, please contact one of these organizations which can connect you with Pregnancy Resource Centers and local providers who can bring you the hope and help you deserve.

- Option Line: Call: 800-395-HELP or visit: www.pregnancycenters.org
- [Heartbeat International](#)
- [Care-Net](#)

3. Abortion affects the whole family. If you had an abortion in the past, there is hope. We encourage you to connect with one of the below organizations that help encourage healing for women, men, family members, friends, medical workers affected by abortion.

- [Rachel's Vineyard](#)
- [Silent No More](#)
- [Abortion Recovery International](#)
- [Heartbeat International](#)
- [Care-Net](#)

4. Choose adoption instead of abortion. There are people ready and waiting with open arms to love and adopt a child. Adoption is a life-affirming option and making an adoption plan for a child is a beautiful and selfless decision. These organizations can help make an adoption plan for a child or considering adoption.

- [Bethany Christian Services](#)
- [Christian World Adoption](#)
- [Alliance for Children](#)

This Month's Bible Verse



Featured Quote



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ur opponents tell us not to interfere with abortion. They tell us not to impose our morality on those who wish to allow or participate in the taking of the life of infants before birth. Yet no one calls it imposing morality to prohibit the taking of life after a child is born. We're told about a woman's right to control her own body. But doesn't the unborn child have a higher right, and that is to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Or would our critics say that to defend life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is to impose morality? Are we to forget the entire moral mission of our nation through its history?"

President Ronald Reagan

March for Life, January 22, 1988

This Month's Historical Video



President Reagan's Remarks to Participants in the March for Life Rally -
1/22/88

This month's historical video features President Ronald Reagan's audio address to participants of the March for Life Rally on January 22, 1988. President Reagan made a special phone call to the rally to offer his support and defense for life of unborn infants.

Here is a transcript of President Reagan's speech:

"Well, all right. The first of your noble marches came just one year after the Supreme Court issued its decision in *Roe v. Wade*. And for a decade and a half, you've worked to end the tragedy that -- since that day when the Court, in the stroke of a pen, legalized abortion across our nation -- has claimed the lives of more than 20 million infants.

Twenty million -- that's more than twice the population of New York City and close to the population of all of California. And yet our opponents tell us not to interfere with abortion. They tell us not to impose our morality on those who wish to allow or participate in the taking of the life of infants before birth. Yet no one calls it imposing morality to prohibit the taking of life after a child is born. We're told about a woman's right to control her own body. But doesn't the unborn child have a higher right, and that is to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Or would our critics say that to defend life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is to impose morality? Are we to forget the entire moral mission of our nation through its history?

Well, my answer, and I know it's yours, is no. America was founded on a moral proposition that human life -- all human life -- is sacred. And this proposition is the bedrock of our national life, the foundation of our laws. It's the wellspring of our Constitution. Courts may ignore it, and they have. They cannot -- and I should add -- have not denied it. When reverence for life can have no boundaries, when we begin to take some life casually, we threaten all life.

A few years ago, I spoke about the pain that we now know an unborn fetus experiences in the course of an abortion. At the time there was an outcry -- enraged criticism and angry denials. But criticism wasn't the only response. It so happened that I received a letter signed by 24 medical doctors, including eminent physicians like the former chief of pediatrics at the St. Louis City Hospital and the president of the New York State Medical Society. They discussed recent advances in medical technology and concluded: "Mr. President, in drawing attention to the capability of the human fetus to feel pain, you stand on firmly established ground."

Well, you know, I couldn't help noticing, that letter received far less coverage than the many derisive attacks that preceded it. Modern medicine treats unborn children as patients. Mothers are advised to calm the fetus with music. Some say that Mozart is particularly soothing. Isn't there enough evidence for even skeptics to admit that those who assert the personhood of the fetus may be right? And if we are to err, shouldn't it be on the side of life? I believe it's time the law caught up with science.

Now, I'm going to ask your support on a few things. We have sent up to Congress the prolife bill. It states that abortion is the taking of a human life and stops all Federal funding of abortion by making the Hyde amendment permanent. It needs your support, and it deserves your support.

We will soon publish regulations that will cut off Federal family planning funds from abortion related activities. The law prohibits using title X money to encourage or promote abortion in any way. Yet under the current guidelines, title X programs must offer abortion counseling and referrals. It has been argued that this is evenhanded, a way of ensuring that young women are presented with all options. But that's not how it's worked out. Too often, the same title X funded programs that give referrals have financial ties to programs that perform abortions. In practice, young women using their services have sometimes been led to believe that abortion is their best, if not their only option. As one young woman reported recently in a comment on our new regulations: "I was not given a complete picture [by the family planning clinic]. . . . The decision I made for abortion was no decision at all. It was a coercion."

Well, our new regulations will put an end to this conflict of interest in cases where title X funds are involved. They will prohibit using title X money for any program that performs abortions, or counsels or refers for abortions, or promotes abortion through the media, the courts, or anyplace else. They will require family planning programs to be both financially and physically separate from facilities that use abortion as a method of family planning -- no mingling of silver. We are getting title X back to Congress' original intent: reducing the number of abortions. But as you know, original intent is controversial these days. We'll need your help in defending these regulations.

Now, before I hang up, let me suggest that we all take a moment for a silent prayer -- prayer for wisdom and, since ours is a merciful cause, that we ourselves will know mercy for the suffering of women who have had abortions and for the troubled mind with which so many Americans meditate on this issue. Shall we pray?"

[At this point, the participants prayed silently.]

Abortion Survivors Share Their Miracle Stories



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Melissa Ohden, Josiah Presley, and Claire Culwell tell their miracle stories of abortion survival.

Surviving Abortion

By Melissa Ohden

I thought it would be a good time to start reposting some older blog posts which are still relevant today.

As originally posted on LifeNews on April 15, 2014:

Understandably, a lot of people have questions about abortion survivors. How we survive, why we survive, what the impact is for us (emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually), why the realities of survivors is not well-known or spoken about, even by survivors, themselves.

Today I want answer these common questions for you, based on my experiences both personally as a survivor and professionally, working with survivors through The Abortion Survivors Network:



1) How does someone survive an abortion? Does the abortionist just leave a step or two out to save the baby's life?

Although I would hope that maybe somewhere, somehow, this might be the case, that an abortionist actually works to save a child, my experiences do not reflect this. I have not heard from any survivor that the abortionist or those involved in the abortion had any other intent but to end their life.

From other survivors to medical professionals, and even the words of my own biological family, surviving is nothing short of a miracle.

2) Why does a child survive an abortion? Do the medical professionals intervene right away to provide medical care? What happens to children after they survive?

Again, every life and circumstance of a survivor is different. Some survivors are late-term abortion survivors, like me, whose survival is not determined until when they are delivered, while others survive abortions in the first trimester, and their continued life is known for months after the attempted abortion.

Sadly, we learn of and read the stories far too often of those who survive abortions in our world today, and are then left to die (like Christ Hospital in Oak Lawn Hospital as Jill Stanek witnessed, the Voice of John film that was inspired by little John, who was left to die) or even have their lives taken from them (like the Gosnell case).

Although, in my case, the demand was initially made for me to be left to die, the professionalism and heart of nursing staff led to medical care being provided to me. Most of the survivors that I encounter have no information about why they were saved, who was responsible for it, the timeframe under which it happened or even where at the hospital or clinic all of these circumstances occurred.

While I am not surprised that the liberal media and abortion industry has, in the past, decried the lack of information survivors have about these circumstances, I want to first of all remind everyone that the very presence of survivors and the circumstances surrounding our survival have long been kept a secret from us, our families, and the greater world.

Answers are definitely hard to find in a world that seeks to hide the truth of abortion and our lives, and I want to encourage other survivors to not be discouraged by the lack of details like this that they currently have. Despite all of my years of searching for my medical records and various

answers about my survival, God has continued to unfold the truth in His way and in His time, and I trust He will do likewise in other's lives.

3) What are the long-term consequences of surviving an abortion?

Although I spent years of my life first thinking I must be alone as a survivor, then still later years not knowing of any other survivors besides myself who have suffered no long-term physical consequences as a result of their survival, I now know otherwise by both counts.

Since its inception in 2012, the Abortion Survivors Network (ASN) has had contact with 177 survivors, either directly, or through their family or friend who is reaching out for them. Although not all survivors report their physical health condition to ASN, we do request that information for educational purposes. Of those survivors who report this information, the vast majority have not suffered long-term health complications as a result of their survival. Once again, however, every circumstance is different, and there are a number of survivors who have suffered significant and even debilitating health conditions after surviving an abortion.

Knowing that we are most likely to hear from only those survivors who have the health and abilities to contact us, I recognize that even this information we have is limited and may not be representative of survivors as a whole.

Although long-term physical consequences, as reported, do not appear to be as common among survivors as one might think, the emotional, mental and spiritual consequences are much more common and commonalities exist across age, gender, race, type of abortion survived, religious background, and whether the survivor was parented by their birthparent(s) who attempted the abortion, extended biological family, or adoptive parents.

By and large survivors experience, per their self-report:

1. Gratitude for being alive but struggles with wondering why they survived, ie, searching for meaning in their lives.
2. Wanting to make a difference by sharing their story, but struggling with the fear of sharing this great secret outside of their family
3. Feeling relieved and encouraged to find that other survivors exist and are sharing their stories but feeling unsure if, when, and how they may share outside of the survivors that they encounter through ASN.
4. Struggling with issues of self-esteem and self-worth, feeling 'different' than everyone else (although the majority who contact ASN report being at a place in their life now where they have overcome this).
5. Despite struggling with feelings of anger and resentment at those responsible for the abortion, most survivors report currently feeling love towards their birth family, and forgiving them for what they've done, even when that love and basic acceptance has not been reciprocated by their birth family.
6. Most survivors, as you would imagine, have a strong faith, which has anchored and transformed them, and has provided the foundation for them finding meaning, worth, healing and offering love and forgiveness.

I share all of this to answer many of the common questions that I know exist about survivors, but also because I hope that you use this information to educate others. Far too often, I have heard the

complaint that not enough survivors speak out and share their stories, and I've experienced pro-lifers not understanding the circumstances and experiences that lead survivors to not share or get involved in the fight for life in the manner that I have.

In fact, I once had a pro-life radio personality call survivors 'flakes' for not sharing their stories. Please, before you judge a survivor for not speaking up or out, remember this article and the inherent struggles that we face. It's not often that a survivor won't share of their survival openly, but more likely, that they can't, due to physical, emotional, mental, spiritual, or even social struggles. Some days, it is still hard for even me.

If you are a survivor or know a survivor and would like to be in contact with the Abortion Survivors Network, please visit: www.theabortionsurvivors.com.

Featured Founding Father



George Clymer (March 16, 1739 - January 23, 1813) was one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He was among the first to advocate for complete independence from Britain. George Clymer was a representative from Pennsylvania. He signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. He attended the Continental Congress and served in political office until the end of his life.

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