

January Edition: Keep On Keeping On



Keep On Keeping On. God Always Wins!

The state of New York has recently legalized third trimester abortion. That means babies can be killed even shortly before birth. This horrific news deeply hurts our hearts; there are no words... People who fight for babies to die actually unveil that they themselves are dead inside spiritually. We must cry out for the babies. And we must cry out for revival and changed hearts.

Dare to stop staring at problems: Through prayer, look to Christ who is the Answer. Let us not forget that the Lord can transform a heart quickly. But we cannot give up. We cannot lose heart. We must keep on keeping on in the fight for life and for what is right. Keep sharing the truth with love. Pair prayer with loving action to reach out to the hurting women who are susceptible to the lies of abortionists.

In modern times, we continue to see inspirational examples of God's miraculous redemption. For instance, there are numerous stories about former Planned Parenthood workers who've changed and become Christian pro-life fighters. For example, former Planned Parenthood director Abby Johnson is a shining light for Christ and for the pro-life cause. It was a blessing to interview Abby

Johnson. Her powerful story of transformation should inspire and challenge each one of us. Now she's leading the fight for life. We are proud of Abby! Pray for her as she boldly takes a stand to end abortion. May God bless her. (Enjoy the special reprint of the Q&A with Abby Johnson below.)

Remember: The enemy of our souls would like us to give up praying for people whom we deem to be beyond hope. Don't give up praying. Keep loving every neighbor by keeping them in your prayers and sharing God's love with action. They may suddenly be transformed by Christ.

There are many examples in the Bible of people (i.e. the Apostle Paul) who were against God but then repented and received Christ. They were **completely** transformed. They made a huge impact for Him and many people came to the Lord as a result. Their impact continues to this day.

"Folks, it is not the number of people that stand against God that determines the battle. It's one person standing with God that will win the battle every single time," Gov. Mike Huckabee poignantly said. Indeed, each one of us needs to do our part to help restore our country. Pray and work hard. When done through and for Christ, small "good deeds" make a big impact. With that said, each one of us must continue to stay strong as we seek the Lord's help for revival in our land.

Always remember that there is hope in Christ and, as a result, there is hope for tomorrow. Never give up! Keep on fighting the good fight. The Lord can work quickly. His timing is always right. Trust Him.

And remember that "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Keep on keeping on! God never loses. Yes, God always wins!

In God we still trust,

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In Memory of Bev Anderson Zieman



Stacie, Bev, and Carrie

By Stacie Stoelting Hudzinski

My husband took this photo of us during a happy time with Bev, a longtime close friend whom we cherished... Now, we miss her so much. She joined the Lord she loved and served so well. Well done, Bev. Well done.

Her life displayed the strength she conveyed as in her favorite verse, "***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***" I just could hear her voice in my mind as I typed that verse. She would say it with such conviction and her life matched her voice. Few can say that. Especially today.

My heart aches, but the Lord comforts.

Bev never missed our media appearances on Fox News or our singing at large events. But we always considered it to be a big event just to see her. Just to have coffee together and share things we normally wouldn't share with others.

She loved my true love story with my husband... She prayed for me when my health declined time and again. And I prayed hard for her in return.

Oh, if I could say a few more words to Bev, I'd say something like this: Bev, we always told each other how much we loved each other. And that love doesn't die because it was Christ's love. Your name remains etched on my heart with the beautiful penmanship you possessed. Your amazing cards will always be kept. Our reunion will be amazing someday. But, until then, I will live with the strength of Christ and remember you always.

Please join us as we pray for her precious, precious family...

This Month's Bible Verse



"I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Featured Quote



"Never give in. Never give in. Never, never, never, never - in nothing, great or small, large or petty - never give in, except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force. Never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy."

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Winston Churchill

This Month's Historical Video



Winston Churchill - Address To Harrow School

This month's historical video features audio from Winston Churchill's famous "Never Give In" speech at Harrow School on October 29, 1941. The full text is available [here](#).

Unplanned

This March, the creators of *God's Not Dead* are releasing a movie based on Abby Johnson's book *Unplanned*. The movie is of the same name and it shines the light on the value of life and the horrors of abortion. Read more at www.unplannedfilm.com.

"Unplanned is the inspiring true story of one woman's journey of transformation.

All Abby Johnson ever wanted to do was help women. As one of the youngest Planned Parenthood clinic directors in the nation, she was involved in upwards of 22,000 abortions and counseled countless women about their reproductive choices. Her passion surrounding a woman's right to choose even led her to become a spokesperson for Planned Parenthood, fighting to enact legislation for the cause she so deeply believed in.

Until the day she saw something that changed everything, leading Abby Johnson to join her former enemies at 40 Days For Life, and become one of the most ardent pro-life speakers in America."



Our Interview with Abby Johnson



1. Tell us about your background as a Planned Parenthood director and how you became a pro-life activist.

You can find my detailed story at www.abbyjohnson.org:

Abby Johnson has always been fiercely determined to help women in need. This desire is what led Abby to a career with Planned Parenthood, our nation's largest abortion provider, and caused her to flee the organization, becoming an outspoken advocate for the pro-life movement.

During her eight years with Planned Parenthood, Abby quickly rose through the organization's ranks and became a clinic director. However, Abby became increasingly disturbed by what she witnessed. Abortion was a product Planned Parenthood was selling, not an unfortunate necessity they were fighting to decrease. Still, Abby loved the women that entered her clinic and her co-workers. Despite a growing unrest within her, she stayed on and strove to serve women in crisis.

All of that changed on September 26, 2009 when Abby was asked to assist with an ultrasound-guided abortion. She watched in horror as a 13 week baby fought for, and ultimately lost, its life at the hand of the abortionist.

At that moment, she fully realized what abortion actually was and what she had dedicated her life to. As it washed over Abby, a dramatic transformation had occurred. Desperate and confused, Abby sought help from a local pro-life group. She swore that she would begin to advocate for life in the womb and expose abortion for what it truly is.

Planned Parenthood did not take Abby's departure sitting down. The organization is fully aware the workers who leave are their greatest threat. They took immediate action to silence Abby with a gag order and brought her to court. The lawsuit was quickly seen as the sham it was and it was ultimately thrown out of court.

The media was, and continues to be, intensely interested in Abby's story as well as her continued efforts to advocate for the unborn and help clinic workers escape the abortion industry. She is a frequently requested guest on Fox News and a variety of other shows. She also the author of the nationally best-selling book, *Unplanned*, which chronicles both her experiences within Planned Parenthood and her dramatic exit.

Today, Abby travels across the globe sharing her story, educating the public on pro-life issues, advocating for the unborn, and reaching out to abortion clinic staff who still work in the industry. She is the founder of And Then There Were None, a ministry designed to assist abortion clinic workers in transitioning out of the industry. To date, this ministry has helped over 430 workers leave the abortion industry. Abby lives in Texas with her husband and seven precious children.

2. What is the biggest lie people believe about abortion?

Probably that abortion is a "solution" to a problem. Women choose abortion because they don't feel they have any choice...which is the biggest myth of the term "pro-choice." Abortion usually just compounded problems instead actually fixing them.

3. How best can we help stop abortions from happening?

We have to change the culture. And that's what we are doing through improved pregnancy centers, prolife medical centers, maternity homes, 40 Days for Life and other ministries that cater to helping both the mother and her unborn child. We also know that our laws dictate our morality, which is why principled prolife legislation is also key.

4. Millions of children have been murdered in the womb since Roe v. Wade. This is genocide of the unborn and it must stop. How can we end abortion in America?

See above answer.

5. Many pro-life sources are now trying to alert women that the birth control pill is not what it's made out to be. Can you tell us about why the pill is dangerous? What would you recommend as an alternative?

I wrote a blog about this a while back that you can reference. <http://www.abbyjohnson.org/abbyjohnson/prevention-another-piece-of-rhetoric?rq=another%20piece>

When I worked for Planned Parenthood, I said this ALL of the time. "The only way to reduce the number of abortions is to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies. The only way to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies is to increase the supply of contraceptive methods." I wish I had a dollar for every time I said that to a legislator or a media reporter, a client or even myself.

It seems to make sense when you look at it, but really, it makes no sense at all. It was just another justification I used to lie to myself over and over again to help me feel better about the abortions I was party to. "I am just trying to decrease the number by working here!" Yeah, right.

Studies show that contraception DOESN'T actually reduce the number of abortions. A recent study

actually showed the opposite; the higher the contraception rate, the higher the abortion rate. Interesting, huh??

Guttmacher Institute, Planned Parenthood's hired research firm, actually showed similar statistics. On their website, they illustrate how 60 percent of abortive women stated that they were using a contraceptive method at the time they got pregnant. Hmm. I thought the "typical" (failure) rate of hormonal and barrier methods were around 5 to 10 percent. Guess someone got that wrong!!

Here's the truth from my personal experience with this. I rarely counseled a women who was having an abortion that wasn't using a method when she got pregnant. That is the truth. Yes, there are some women who say, "well, I just wasn't using anything!" But, most were using something; condoms, the pill (most common), depo, IUD... SOMETHING!

And OF COURSE they would be on a method! Our society today makes women feel like it is riskier NOT to be on a hormonal method, which is totally ridiculous. It's risky TO BE pumping artificial hormones into your body!! These hormones have been linked to reproductive cancers, strokes, heart disease, osteoporosis, nerve disorders, future infertility, food allergies, metabolic disorders, and many other things!!

Somehow we think it's riskier NOT to take them?? We think getting pregnant is riskier than those diseases I previously listed? Really? Do you know what makes this even better? All of those risks are listed in the package insert, but no one takes the time to read them, and your doctor sure doesn't take the time to go over them with you.

Doctors give out birth control pills like they are handing out M&M's. They treat women like we're too stupid to understand our bodies, as if we're second class citizens when it comes to health care. However, to be honest, we are partially to blame to for that. We have allowed this happen.

Birth control enslaves women to their fertility. It puts all of the responsibility on them, which is exactly what it was intended to do. Birth control was made so that people could have sex without consequences. What has happened since then? Women are turned into sexual objects for men to yearn for.

However, we've allowed ourselves to be lusted after, all for a society of sex without consequences. That is not what sex was intended for. That is not what fertility was intended for. Fertility was meant to be a shared partnership between a husband and wife. A partnership that is open to life, where the possibility of life is not seen as a burden, but a gift.

Now, I am practical. I'm not saying that you have to pop out kids like you change your socks. My husband and I have chosen to use Natural Family Planning, the Creighton Model. It is a very advanced form of fertility management that allows both partners to be involved the way it was intended.

That model may not be for you. You may choose something else. But, I think if women actually knew the dangers of hormonal birth control, it's likely they wouldn't take it.

There is one more point I would like to address. When do you think life begins? I believe life begins at conception, when the egg and sperm meet. Conception is the point when DNA is formed and, simultaneously, when a human life is formed.

If you also believe life begins at conception, then you should have a hard time getting behind hormonal methods. Hormonal methods work three ways. One way is to prevent ovulation, but if that fails and "breakthrough ovulation" occurs, then conception can occur.

Another way hormonal methods work is by irritating the uterine lining to the point that a fertilized egg, a human person, would not be able to implant on the uterine wall and begin to grow. So, the woman passes the fertilized egg, the human person, with her cycle and miscarries without even knowing it.

It's sad, but it happens so MANY times while women are on hormonal methods. That is why people will say that hormonal methods have an abortifacient property in them, because they can actually cause an abortion.

There is a really great documentary made called "28 Days on the Pill." I encourage people to check it out. It was actually created by Protestant ministers.

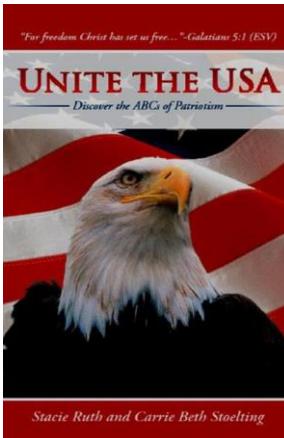
We need churches to get on board with this and stop pushing the pill and other methods within their congregation. The pill is not healthy for women or for marriages. There are other ways that are better and don't take the lives of children. People need to know the truth.

Featured Founding Father



John Morton (1725 - April 1, 1777) was a farmer, surveyor, and jurist from Pennsylvania. During the War of Independence, he was a delegate to the Continental Congress. John Morton was a signer of the Continental Association and the U.S. Declaration of Independence. He was the swing voter that allowed Pennsylvania to vote in favor of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. Morton was the chair of the committee that wrote the Articles of Confederation.

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