

“Glory Baby”

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I have two siblings that no one has ever met, not even my parents. When you first meet our family of five, you would probably think I am the oldest, but you would be mistaken. I have both an older and younger sibling that most people do not know about. Not all of my mother’s five pregnancies ended with an infant in her arms. For my family, the loss of these babies is something to mourn, but for some mothers ending their child’s life is their choice. I am Pro-Life because God is the creator of life and because life begins at conception.

God is the only giver of life. As a teacher in Sunday school, I often tell my class of third graders that God created each and every one of them. God intended for them to happen, and they are *not* a mistake. Every child should have the opportunity to be told this. Job 31:15 exclaims, “Did not the One who made me in the womb also make them? Did not the same God form us both in the womb?” Aborting is depriving someone of their sibling, best friend, or even the world of a future leader.

Life begins at conception. Do we not celebrate the moment a pregnancy test results come back positive? Does the mother not start envisioning the life inside her at that moment? It has been scientifically proven that a fetus is a living being. Dr. Bernard Nathanson, an atheist abortion doctor for thirty years, performed over 75,000 abortions and owned the largest abortion clinic in New York City. After observing the subjects of his practice with the developing ultrasound machine, Dr. Nathanson began to have convictions about what he was doing. He soon

stepped down from his role in the clinic, eventually walking away from his practice entirely. During an interview, Dr. Nathanson said, "I changed my mind because the new scientific data which we were getting from advanced technology persuaded me that we could not indiscriminately continue to slaughter what was demonstrably a human being." Though the fetus may not be as developed as you or I, it is still human.

I am Pro-Life because the giver and taker of life is God and because from the moment a baby is conceived, it is a life. Every life deserves our protection. I asked myself, "What can *I* do?" Volunteering at a local pregnancy center and offering help to the single moms there who chose life are contributions I can make right now. We should lament these lives that have been lost, but there will come a day when we will behold their innocent faces. There is a song called "Glory Baby" that says, "Heaven will hold you before we do; Heaven will keep you safe; Until we're home with you." So whenever I feel myself missing my brother or sister, I just think of the day that I will meet our "glory babies".

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