GOSPEL DRIVEN LIVING: PART 4:

HONORING LIFE

PSALM 139:13-16

HUMAN LIFE IS PRECIOUS AND IS TO BE VALUED, PROTECTED, AND DEFENDED BY GOD'S REDEEMED PEOPLE.

#### INTRO: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Jody's Story

Single, 4 Kids, Full-time job, & an unexpected pregnancy

#### INTRO: THE STRUGGLE

2014 Report:

65% of women who sought abortions claimed to be Christians.

70% of all abortions are being performed on women age 30 and under.

## God values human life for God... Created and provided for humanity.

Genesis I:27 (NIV) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Psalm 8:5 (NIV) You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

Genesis 2:8 (NIV) Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

Corinthians 6:20a (NIV)

 ...you were bought at a price.

 Therefore honor God with your body.

## God values human life for God... Alone is sovereign over life and death.

- Psalm 139:13-16, 1-4
  - God is sovereignly superintending the natural process of human reproduction.

- Exodus 1:15-21;21:22-25;
  - God cares about the life of the unborn and their mothers.

Deuteronomy 32:39 "See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

- Proverbs 16:31 (NIV) Gray hair is a crown of splendor; it is attained by a righteous life.
- Proverbs 20:29 (NIV) The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old.

# God values human life for God... Expects His people to defend life for all.

#### DEFEND LIFE FOR ALL:

James I:27 (NIV) Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

#### **DEFEND LIFE FOR ALL:**

 Proverbs 31:8 (NIV) "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.

#### **DEFEND LIFE FORALL:**

Psalm 82:3 (NIV) Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. 4 Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

#### **DEFEND LIFE FOR ALL:**

- 2 Kings 23:10 (NIV) He desecrated Topheth, which was in the Valley of Ben Hinnom, so no one could use it to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire to Molech.

### SO... AS BELIEVERS WE FOLLOW GOD'S LEAD...

- In honoring life at all stages.
  - "Pro-life advocacy for the Christian needs to be bigger than just abortion". Herbie Newel.

## SO... AS BELIEVERS WE FOLLOW GOD'S LEAD...

- In seeking justice for the oppressed and oppressor.
  - Being truly pro-life means doing gospeldriven justice on behalf of the orphan, the widow, the single mom, the special needs child, vulnerable families, the elderly, and refugees.

### SO... AS BELIEVERS WE FOLLOW GOD'S LEAD...

In offering grace, mercy, and forgiveness.

In proclaiming the gospel message.