

Sanctity of Human Life

Hope Without Erasing The Wound

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I. God honors the reality of every life.

A. The preborn aren't potential people. They are known and seen by God.

Psalm 139:13-16 “For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother’s womb.¹⁴ I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well.¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.¹⁶ **Your eyes saw my unformed substance**; in Your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.”

Jeremiah 1:5 “**Before I formed you in the womb I knew you**, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

*The Bible does not measure the value of life by visibility, viability, or duration — but by **creation** and **personhood**.*

II. God honors the reality of every loss — every time.

A. Every loss is seen by God.

Exodus 3:7 “Then the Lord said, ‘**I have surely seen the affliction of My people** who are in Egypt and **have heard their cry** because of their taskmasters. **I know their sufferings...**’”

Psalm 34:17-18 “When the righteous cry for help, **the Lord hears** and delivers them out of all their troubles.¹⁸ **The Lord is near** to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.”

Psalm 56:8 “**You have kept count** of my tossings; put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?”

B. God welcomes honest grief, whenever and however it shows up.

Psalm 62:8 “Trust in Him at all times, O people; **pour out your heart before Him**; God is a refuge for us. *Selah.*”

Pregnancy loss reveals that biblical faith is not emotional composure but clinging to God in confusion. Scripture never equates spiritual maturity with emotional tidiness.

C. Some of the most faithful people in Scripture grieved & wept.

John 11:34-36 “And He said, ‘Where have you laid him?’ They said to Him, ‘Lord, come and see.’³⁵ Jesus wept.³⁶ So the Jews said, ‘See how He loved him!’”

If grief were a sign of unbelief, Jesus wouldn't have wept.

III. God gives hope without erasing the wound.

A. Our hope is not vague optimism but a Person and a prepared place.

John 14:2-3 “In My Father’s house are many rooms...I go to prepare a place for you...³ I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.”

B. Scripture gives us strong reason to hope that children who die share that same promise.

2 Samuel 12:23 “But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? **I shall go to him**, but he will not return to me.”

Deuteronomy 1:39 “And as for your little ones, who you said would become a prey, **and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there.** And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it.”

God explicitly distinguishes those who did not yet know good from evil.

C. The risen Christ still bore scars (John 20).

D. Christians have hope with grief, not instead of it.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”

IV. Since God honors every life and every loss, so must we.

Romans 12:15 “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.”

*Celebrate birth.
Weep over loss.
Anchor both in the risen Christ.*

Questions for Personal Reflection and/or Community Group Discussion:

1. In what ways are you tempted to assign value to life based on what you can see, measure, or benefit from?
2. When you experience grief, do you tend to hide it or rush past it? What does Psalm 62:8 invite you to do instead?
3. What does it mean practically to “grieve with hope” (1 Thess. 4:13)? How is that different from pretending everything is fine?
4. Who in your life right now might need you to rejoice with them — or quietly weep with them?
5. If you are grieving a pregnancy loss, what does “hope” feel like — or not feel like — right now?