



EVERY LIFE
IS A GIFT...

EVEN IN DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

Reshaping our compassion to include both mother and child

How often do we hear the phrase “I am against abortion, with exceptions in cases of rape or incest”? These three steps can help you to stand **BOLDLY** for life, even in light of unimaginable circumstances.

1

See her and her child the way Christ sees them...

God does not make mistakes. He uses our circumstances for His purposes and does not define us by these circumstances.

What happened to the woman does not define her or her worth. This horrible crime also does not define her child or his or her worth.

We look beyond the circumstances of conception and trust that God is working through the tragedy that took place. He has a plan.

2

Punishment belongs with the person who committed the crime...

Encouraging a woman who becomes pregnant by rape or incest to end the life of her unborn child protects the perpetrator. Instead, **encourage the mother to recognize that they are both victims of the same crime, and neither deserves to be punished.**

The person committing the crime can use abortion to cover the actions, potentially allowing the abuse to continue.

3

Abortion in any circumstance causes harm...

Having compassion for a woman who has faced a traumatic life event, such as rape, is absolutely appropriate. In the case that she becomes pregnant, there are two victims that need compassion.

Abortion does not take away what was stolen from her; it creates additional trauma. **Helping her seek support, often through a pregnancy care center, can be a life-saving option.**

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