

The Hodge Podge Series

“A Message on Abortion” - June 25, 2006

Overview of What Remains in Our Series

THE HODGE PODGE SERMON SERIES		
Date	Message Title	More Info
July 2	God’s Word Thru a Christian Ventriloquist	Family Service with Nanna Puddin’ (children/youth in Worship Center)
July 9	God’s Word Thru a Christian Illusionist	Family Service with Jared Hall (children/youth in Worship Center)
July 16	“Under Construction”	Executive Pastor Mitch Pearison
July 23	“Outreach in 3D”	Small Groups Pastor Morgan Pylant
July 30	“A Theology of Suffering”	What Jim Believes About Suffering
July 30	Consecration Prayer Service for New Land and Buildings at 6pm; begins in W.C.	
Aug. 6	“What God Taught Me on Sabbatical”	Worship Pastor AJ Bass
Aug. 13	New Sermon Series Begins	New Service Times: 8:45 & 10:45 am

What Would You Have Done? (2 Samuel 11)

Major message: The way to deal with sin is not with _____.

Facts from Science and the Bible

FACT #1: The unborn child inside a mother’s womb is a real _____ – a life created by God.

- The medical community has two tests (vital signs) for determining life in adults: heart beat and brain waves
 - Unborn children have detectable heartbeats at _____ days
 - Unborn children have detectable brainwave activity at _____ days
- The Bible is very clear that life begins at conception – that the unborn child inside a mother’s womb is a real human – a soul valued by God
 - **Psalm 139:13-16** – *For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.*
 - **Isaiah 49:1,5** – *Before I was born the Lord called me; from my birth He has made mention of my name.... And now the Lord says – He who formed me in the womb to be His servant....*
 - **Jeremiah 1:4-5** – *The word of the Lord came to me, saying, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”*
 - **Psalm 51:5** – *Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.*
 - **Luke 1:15** (NAS) - *For he (John the Baptist) will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother’s womb.*
 - **Luke 1:41,44** – *When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby (John the Baptist) leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.... “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.”*

FACT #2: To willingly terminate that baby’s life is _____ and is wrong.

- John Willke: “I have a right to free speech, but not to shout ‘fire!’ in a theater. A person’s right to anything stops when it injures or kills another living human.”
- **Exodus 20:13** - *You shall not murder.*

FACT #3: Abortion does not solve problems but rather _____ many, many more problems (“The Aftereffects of Abortion” at www.afterabortion.info)

- Women who acquire post-abortal infections (27%) are 5 to 8 times more likely to experience ectopic (tubal) pregnancies
- Three to 5 percent of aborted women are left inadvertently sterile
- Forty eight percent of first pregnancy aborted women experienced abortion-related complications in later pregnancies. Women in this group experienced 2.3 miscarriages for every one live birth.
- Within 8 weeks after their abortions, 55% of women expressed guilt, 44% complained of nervous disorders, 36% had experienced sleep disturbances, and 11% had been prescribed psychotropic medicine.
- Thirty to 50% of aborted women report experiencing sexual dysfunctions.
- Thirty three percent of aborted women develop an intense longing to become pregnant again in order to “make up” for the lost pregnancy
- Eighty percent of aborted women express feelings of “self-hatred,” 49 % report drug abuse, 39% begin to use or increase their use of alcohol, 60% express having suicidal thoughts, and 28% attempt suicide.

What To Do If You Have Participated in an Abortion

1. _____. Grieve. Mourn. (Matthew 2:18; Luke 6:21)
2. Tell God you are sorry
 - **1 John 1:9** - *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*
3. Receive Jesus Christ and His serving the _____ on your behalf
 - **1 Peter 3:18** - *For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.*
 - **Luke 23:18-25** (Barabbas)
 - **Romans 10:9** - *If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*
4. Realize that there are certain things that Christ’s redemption will _____ undo this side of heaven
 - The absence of the child. Missed relationship with that child by you, siblings, grandparents, others. Other on-going consequences (Galatians 6:7)
5. Realize all the things Christ’s redemption _____ done now and for eternity and renew your mind over and over and over to these truths
 - **1 Timothy 1:15-16** - *Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and receive eternal life.*
 - Who I Am in Christ

I am God’s child (John 1:12)	I am Christ’s friend (John 15:15)
I have been declared righteous (Rom 5:1)	I am a saint (Ephesians 1:1)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14)	I am complete in Christ (Col 2:10)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom 8:1-2)	I am free from any charge against me (Rom 8:31-34)
I am a citizen of heaven (Phil 3:20)	I am God’s masterpiece (Eph 2:10)

6. Receive _____ forgiveness (John 20:23).
7. Forgive yourself (John 20:23).
8. Seek _____ for your participation in the abortion and all the issues that this has brought up in your life
 - **James 5:16** – *Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.*
 - Important Application: Consider attending “Tears of Life” starting September 11. This is a ministry/small group that will help you work through the grief, hurt, shame, and issues in a very safe place. Contact Yvonne Chumchal at yvonne@whatisgrace.org or (281) 646-1903 x.111, or Yvonne Fotheringham at (832) 321-5018. (See “Tears of Life” brochures on Specials Kiosk.)
9. Renounce your covenant with _____ (see sample prayer at end of notes)
10. Allow God to turn something bad into something good
 - Romans 8:28 and Genesis 50:20

What We As the Christian Community Can and Should Do In Response to Abortion

1. _____. Grieve. Mourn.
 - Weep for the 43 million babies that have been aborted in America since 1973.
 - Weep for the 1 million babies that have been murdered in the last year.
 - Weep for the 2740 children that will be killed today.
 - Weep for the 114 babies that have been aborted during today’s service.
 - **Matthew 2:16-18**
2. Look at the log (2x4) in our _____ first (Matthew 7:1-4)
3. Repent of our own participation in the _____ of abortion

ROOT CAUSES OF ABORTION	SAME SIN... DIFFERENT NAME
PRIDE – I don’t want people to know I’m pregnant. My needs/desires are more important than the baby’s. “A woman should have the choice over what to do with her own body.”	PRIDE – I don’t want people to know _____. My needs/desires are more important than _____. I should have the choice over what to do with my body, time, money, talents, gifts, etc.
PREJUDICE – “The fetus is not a real human being.”	PREJUDICE – Racial prejudice. Social prejudice. Economic prejudice.
GREED/LACK OF FAITH – “I cannot afford to have a child” (66%)	NOT TRUSTING GOD FOR PROVISION – Hagar debt solutions. Using a credit card in a certain situation rather than trusting God to provide. “I cannot afford to tithe and give 10% of my income back to God.” Greed. Lack of faith.
CONVENIENCE – “This child will interfere with my life” (75%). “I do not want to be a single parent. I have too many problems in my current relationships” (50%)	CONVENIENCE – The god of comfort. The god of complacency. “I’m too busy to... share my faith, help my neighbor, listen to my spouse or child, serve God’s Kingdom.”
IDOLATRY – “I am. It’s all about me. My comfort reigns. My money for me. My time for me. My life for me. This situation is bigger than God. This situation is god.”	IDOLATRY – “I am. It’s all about me. My comfort reigns. My money for me. My time for me. My life for me. This situation is bigger than God. This situation is god.”
MOLECH – The false god whom pagans and, later, the Israelites sacrificed their children to (1 Kings 11:5; 2 Kings 21:6)	SUCCESS – How are we “sacrificing” our children in West Houston-Katy driven lifestyles?

4. Conduct identificational repentance on behalf of our _____ (Ezra 9:10; Nehemiah 1:6-7; Daniel 9:7-20)

5. Offer _____ and forgiveness and comfort to post abortive mothers and fathers (John 20:23; 2 Corinthians 1:3-5)
6. Train our own children in the Lord and equip them (best we can) to not continue the abortion cycle (Ephesians 6:4).
7. Fight for the unborn through our _____ (1 Peter 4:10)
 - Volunteer at the Pregnancy Help Center of West Houston. Contact Paula Conriquez @ (281) 578-0078. Volunteerism needed includes peer counseling, administrative help, hosting a baby shower, being a church liaison, computer help, donating maternity clothes, teaching Bible studies, teaching life skills (H.O.P.E. class), helping with fund raising event, being a prayer partner, being a financial partner.
 - Attend the “Oil of Joy” Advanced Abortion Recovery Ministry Training Seminar (24 hours of training). Use this training to join the “Tears of Life” ministry team at Grace Fellowship or the “Oil of Joy” outreach team in a Texas women’s prison. Go to www.ojfm.org and click on “Prison Ministry” or “Training Seminars.”
 - Make your home available to unwed mothers.
8. Fight for the unborn through _____
 - Become a friend of the court in cases seeking to overturn Roe v. Wade at the state and national levels Go to www.operationoutcry.org and click on “How Can I Help?” and submit a “Friend of the Court” or an “Affidavit” (if you have had an abortion).
 - Do not break the law or kill anyone
9. Fight for the unborn through _____
10. Fight for the unborn on _____
 - Let Christ use your tear ducts this morning: “Lord, cry thru me this a.m.”
 - Repent of pride, prejudice, greed, lack of faith, worship of convenience, idolatry, worship of self, modern-day Molech worship (child sacrifice).
 - Repent of behalf of America over 43 million murders since 1973 – The shedding of innocent blood. Ask God for mercy for the coming judgment against our nation on behalf of the shedding of all of this innocent blood (Isaiah 1:4-17).
 - Pray prayers breaking the blood covenant our nation has entered into
 - Pray prayers of protection for the unborn. Pray for pregnant couples who are considering abortion... pray for them to choose life. Pray for our entire nation to choose life in practice and in laws.
 - Pray this prayer: “Jesus, I plead your blood over my sins and the sins of my nation. God, end abortion and send revival to America!”

Sample Prayer for Renouncing Your Covenant with Death

“I confess that I have been bought by the blood of Jesus Christ through His death and resurrection. I am bound to Jesus – sealed by His blood into a covenant relationship with the Most High God. I renounce the covenant of death that I entered into when I shed innocent blood through my participation in an abortion, and I break from myself the curse for the shedding of innocent blood by the authority won by Jesus Christ and given to me. I belong to Jesus. And, I thank You Jesus, for shedding your innocent Blood for me that I might be loosed from the power of darkness and conveyed into Your Kingdom. This day, I place You on the throne of my life. Life Your life in and through me for Your glory. Amen.”