

Sake of Convenience

Life's definition has sadly been redefined by many people, degrading the worth of many lives. Since January 22, 1973, abortion has taken over 61.8 million babies' lives, and the number keeps growing daily. It is easy to only read a number, but each number was a life that could have been lived. Each life should be given a chance at living, especially if it is only just beginning.

September 3, 2003, Allie was born at 6.5 pounds, breathing, crying, and moving her little arms and legs. Now, a 17-year-old girl, Allie is kind, compassionate, and caring, with many friends. Allie brightens up each person's day that she interacts with. Just like anyone else alive, she has made her mistakes and she has had days when she can not quite see the point. Yet, she has also laughed uncontrollably until her sides hurt, and she has made unforgettable and wonderful memories with friends and family. She just received her first car, her first job, and is a great student at her school. Allie makes a huge impact on everyone around her.

But none of this happened. At 10 weeks old, Allie's lifespan was shortened too soon. With beautifully formed facial features, incredible functioning vital organs, moving fingers and limbs, and a perfect heartbeat, Allie's mother was told she was only a clump of cells. Like many young mothers, the thought of giving up her lifestyle, for a child, frightened her. Allie's existence was labeled worthless by her mother's peers and doctors. Ten weeks old, and her life was unrightfully taken away from her. Consequently, Allie's friends never knew her. They never were able to share those moments laughing until their sides hurt, never spent late nights educating each other on their lives, never even shared a single word. After all, Allie was only a "clump of cells."

Daily, over 2,362 boys and girls lose the lives that God gave them. Lives that could have been someone's best friend, mom or dad, sister or brother. Lives that could have helped another

person, whether it be mentally, physically, or spiritually. Billy Graham once said, "I know it's common today to think of abortions as a simple answer to an inconvenient problem, but it is actually a far more serious issue. Your child is not simply a mass of tissue; he or she is a human being in God's eyes." Each baby is just as human as you and me. Each baby should have the right to life.

Many people tend to categorize the unborn as nothing more than cells, but I believe each baby should be viewed as a precious life, worthy of a chance at living. Scientists have found bacteria on Mars, and they call it life, but they look at a baby, a baby capable of living life, and they say it is not. Just as Allie's life was taken, many like her are disregarded as human beings for the sake of convenience.

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