

Undivided Focus

This past year, I participated in a photography class. Throughout the class, I learned how to focus my camera and avoid fuzzy pictures that lack a clear subject. While studying this, I realized that our world is becoming one big, busy, blurry picture. With so much information available, it is currently an overwhelming obstacle to focus on what is really important and valuable. The value of human life is quickly, yet quietly declining as we are blindly getting lost in the junk. Our focus is shifting.

Inadvertently making rash decisions based on surface level information, current generations place high focus on anything that momentarily seems to have a place in the busy picture of life. In doing this, I believe that we are preventing ourselves from seeing the value and beauty of human life, created by God, because it is becoming blurry in the background. We are centered on constantly changing worldly appeal. Right under our eyes, the worth of human life is decreasing. It is losing value. We have lost focus.

Contrasting what we currently view as valuable, God wants us to focus on the fact that has never changed; all human life is beautiful and worthy. Creating man in His image, God values and treasures all stages of life. He sorts through the busy, blurry picture and focuses on what is important, what has always been important. Knowing this, I can appreciate the life of unborn babies and how God intricately crafted their tiny bodies and designed them to grow and develop inside a mother's womb. Cherishing people with disabilities, I do not view them as a mistake or useless, but see how God intentionally created them with such pure joy to share with the world. I love how God purposefully gives elderly people wisdom and discernment to impart on us and how He treasures their lives at every age. I believe all life is prized, wanted, and valuable. As the creator and sustainer of life, God wants us to sift through all the distractions and

center ourselves on the real heart of the picture. We need to be able to recognize the gift of life and comprehend how truly valuable it is in this world. We need to regain focus.

I am pro-life because I genuinely believe that all life-young, old, and diverse-is valuable and provides significance to our world. As a society, we need to not get lost in the big, busy, blurry mess and start digging deeper. We need to intentionally go out of our way to center our attention on what is really valuable and not let the main thing get lost in background. All life is valuable and deserves to have our undeniable, undivided focus.