

What Does Not Change

Imagine sitting in Friday afternoon traffic, waiting for the light to change so that you can just get home. Suddenly, out of nowhere, comes a flash of black through the intersection, smashing directly into the small car that pulled out in front of you a moment before. The crash is deafening, and the two vehicles coast into the next lane, hitting other cars as they go, nearly hitting yours as well. You see the fire. You smell the smoke. You saw *exactly* what happened. When the police arrive, you relive the crash and describe everything just as you witnessed it. As others begin describing it however, you realize what *you* saw was only part of what happened. From the multiple witnesses, the police are able to construct a picture of what happened. What you saw was only *your* perspective.

Sometimes in life there are unexpected crashes. Usually, we only pay attention to one side of them, the side that affects us. Reacting quickly and without thinking, we often ignore how someone else's view of the same event may have been quite different. Likewise, if we only view others through the narrow, one-sided lens that directly affects us, we can fail to grasp the beauty and value of life. Our perspective becomes flawed. But how can we change it? The answer is quite simple. We must move. Our perspective must shift. We must see not only with our own eyes and what affects us, but move into other people's shoes, and attempt to see the whole picture by changing our perspective.

On the subject of abortion, many will undoubtedly argue that "you must put yourself in the shoes of a woman for whom it would be extremely difficult to have and provide for a child." The answer to that argument brings me to my point. Perspective is personal. Perspective is how *you* see things. It does not change what is right and wrong. It does not change what God has already decided. And when those unexpected crashes in life do happen, it is important to

remember that perspective can not change the outcome. When a woman finds herself pregnant with no way to care for a child, that could be considered a “crash.” However, that “crash” may turn out to be a blessing. Sometimes, it is important to change your perspective in order for *you* to see the value of life, but making that change does *not* determine life’s value.

In our hectic, “What is true for you might not be true for me” world, the “truth” is constantly changing. Truth is not, however, a relative, personal term. It does not vary from person to person, year to year, place to place. Life is life, regardless of the circumstances, perspective or inconvenience. I am pro-life because I believe whether young, old, middle-aged, or unborn, *all lives are prized and valued by God*. While perspective may change, truth does not. And the truth is, ALL life matters.