

## Love is Life

Before I was born I can imagine that God, the creator of all things, caressed and whispered affectionately to me that I would have a purpose. Imagining Him full of tenderness and love he chose what I would look like and who I would be, fearfully and wonderfully made. Breathing life into me at the moment of my conception, I was being intricately woven by God as he knit me together with patience, love, and care.

I believe that all lives are created beautifully and in the image and likeness of God. I also believe that abortion causes immense pain to babies and emotionally wounds their mothers as the female body is made to be a temple for their unborn baby. I want to be a voice for the voiceless because every human being has a purpose in this world.

“God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”-Genesis 1:27. I am pro-life because we are made in the image and likeness of God. We are made to resemble God, reflect him, and shine his light. Abortion is the killing of an innocent baby in his or her mother’s womb and who has not been given the chance to shine God's light nor reflect His image. When one of these lives is taken, I can imagine that all of heaven mourns for that innocent life that has not been given the chance to glorify God here on earth.

I am pro-life because abortion physically kills babies and emotionally hurts their mothers. Did you know that unborn babies can feel pain at least by 15 weeks pregnancy and possibly earlier? One moment babies are in their peaceful, safe resting place, and at the next moment they are ripped apart from their mother’s womb just to be killed. Before a woman commits an abortion, she might say: “My body, my choice.” The baby inside her is not her body and

therefore not “a choice.” She may think that a child will ruin her life and that all her hopes and dreams are crushed because of the “burden” of having a baby. After the abortion, she is probably feeling depressed, troubled, and miserable because she realizes that her “choice” was not the right one because her womb was created to be a temple for her baby.

I choose to stand with those who have no voice, in this case both mother and child. Every human being has value and dignity. Every person is “a pencil in God’s hand” having their own life story written by God. Every person’s story can change the world for the better. Life is beautiful. Life is love.

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