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 **TODAY'S "QUICK HIT":**
"STAND YOUR GROUND"
VS.
SANCTITY OF LIFE

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Here's what provoked me:

A writer attempted to create confusion by throwing together in one pot: Jesus, pro-life supporters, and "Stand Your Ground" self-defense supporters. Then the writer tried to stir the pot and come up with an anti- Stand-Your-Ground victory. It just doesn't work!

Here's my response:

"Stand Your Ground" vs. Sanctity of Life

Policy pundits often try to define the relationships among and between religion, sanctity of life, right to life, right to choose, self-defense, etc. Almost always the result is for these "experts" to get "tangled up in their shorts." Such was the case on January 11 in "Stand Your Ground' is non-Christian." "Stand Your Ground" is a legal justification for someone to use lethal force, in order to defend themselves or others against threats or perceived threats.

The writer scolds "Stand Your Ground" supporters, claiming their argument for justifying lethal force somehow conflicts with their position opposing the pro-abortion, Roe v. Wade decision. The writer proclaims that it's a Christian's duty to ask Republicans this question: What would Jesus Do?

I suggest that this writer might be trying to "confuse and conquer." There is no legal or Biblical contradiction when someone supports the anti-abortion, "right to life" position, while at the same time supporting one's right to self-defense.

If the writer opposes "right to life" positions, that's fine. If the writer opposes "Stand Your Ground" self-defense laws, that's fine too. But don't try to mix these issues together in a single debate. The writer predictably got "tangled up in his shorts."