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*.... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith
that was once for all entrusted to the saints. Jude 1:3 NIV*

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Jeremiah 1:5 (NIV), “*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart...*”

Exodus 20:13 (NIV), “*You shall not murder*”

In response to a March 2007 press release called “Reproductive Rights and African Women”, Day Gardner, President of the National Black Pro-Life Union (NBPLN) included some alarming facts. In her response, she said: **a)** since 1973, more than 44 million unborn children have been legally killed in this country, of those killed; almost 15 million of them were black. **b)** The abortion rate among black women is more than three times higher than that of white women. **c)** Since 1973, there have been a grand total of 22 million deaths in the black community. The breakdown is like this: eight million African Americans died from heart disease, cancer, diabetes, crime, accident, HIV-AIDS and etc., while almost 15 million black Americans died from abortion. In other words, abortion is the number one killer of African Americans, killing more black people than all other deaths combined.

In an article written by an African-American preacher, Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson, in February 2008, he lists “The Alarming Numbers on Abortion” as follows:

(his source of info: U.S. Center for Disease Control)

- a)** Since 1973, when abortion became legal there have been more than 14 million black babies killed in the black woman’s womb.
- b)** Since 1973, more than twice as many blacks have died from abortion than from heart disease, cancer, accidents, violent crime and AIDS combined.
- c)** More than 1,450 black children are aborted each day in the United States.

Rev. Peterson in the same article, goes on to tell the story about a 13 year old black girl he met at an abortion clinic in Los Angeles one Saturday morning. According to Rev. Peterson, he and his organization were protesting near the clinic when he saw this young lady approach the front door of the clinic. Rev. Peterson talked with the young lady and tried to encourage her to put her baby up for adoption. She said it was too late, she had gone into the clinic that Thursday and the doctor had injected something into her womb. For three days the baby kicked and gasped for life. On the third day, the baby died.

In response to all of the statistics mentioned by Day Gardner and Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson, I ask the following:

- 1) Where is the outrage from our so-called leaders?

- 2) Why is the black church/clergy largely silent on this issue?
- 3) How can blacks support and vote into office politicians that are pro-abortion knowing it's mostly blacks being murdered?

One more bit of information to consider; between 1882 and 1968, approximately 3,446 blacks were lynched in the U.S., that number is surpassed in less than three days by legalized abortion. Imagine 1,450 blacks being brutalized by police everyday, what do you think Al Sharpton would do? You got it, he would cry long and loud till justice is served, and rightly so. However, the unborn white and black don't get equal protection or enough voices to cry long and loud for them. I have one word that best describes the so-called civil rights leader that fights for the rights of some Americans while ignoring the rights of others, including the unborn, hypocrite!!

The lack of outcry for the murdering of our babies by our clergy/churches, civil rights leaders, community and politicians becomes clear when we consider the recent case against professional football player Michael Vick. Michael Vick was recently released from prison after serving jail time for the killing and cruel treatment of dogs. In my opinion, he got what he deserved for his treatment of animals. However, I could not help but notice the outcry by animal rights activists. I think they were right in expressing their disapproval of Michael Vick's behavior. Why is it then that it is illegal as Michael Vick's case proves, to mistreat or kill a dog (which it should be) but legal to kill our babies? Have we reduced the value of human life so that our babies are less in worth than dogs? Our laws seem to imply just that, wake up America!!

Recently, I saw a disturbing commercial in which they had cats and dogs that had been abused. The camera zoomed in to show a cat with an eye that had been damaged or removed probably as a result of human abuse. Then there was a human voice speaking on behalf of the cat that said, "Why did you hurt me?" Make no mistake, I hate animal cruelty, it's just plain mean and wrong. However, what about the pregnant 13 year old Rev. Peterson met that had a solution injected into her amniotic sac that later killed her baby. Where's the commercial for our babies so they can ask, "Why are you killing me?" No network would dare air such a commercial, women's rights activists would shut them down immediately in the name of "choice".

The subject of abortion is one of the "political hot topics" of our day. Where one stands on this subject can make or destroy their career as a politician. If one is "pro-life" (not in favor of abortion), they lose the vote of the feminist groups and most other females. If one is "pro-choice" (in favor of abortion), they lose the conservative vote. Sadly, many professing Christians are "pro-choice", usually as a result of one or more of the following:

1. They are Christians in Word only, they have not been "born again"
2. They do not read the Bible and are ignorant to what it teaches about abortion

3. They do not believe the Bible is the Word of God, to them it's just a book

Like adultery, rape, stealing and lying, abortion is sin. Each of these sins, and all other sins have one thing in common, selfishness. In other words, what's best for me at the time. Consider the sin of suicide, when someone commits suicide, who hurts most, them or their families they leave behind struggling for the rest of their lives with the question "What did I do wrong?" The person committing suicide did what they felt was best for them not considering those they leave behind; this is selfishness in the first degree. Abortion is much the same, as it is often times motivated by the selfish thought, "what's best for me at the time." Although the selfishness in the act of most abortions has been camouflaged by the more "politically correct" word "choice", one need only look at a study entitled "Reasons Given for Having Abortions in the United States" by WM. Robert Johnston. The results are as follows: Rape – 0.25%, Incest – 0.03%, Physical life of mother – 0.2%, Physical health of mother – 1%, Fetal health – 0.4%, Personal choice – 98%. Under the heading of "personal choice" the following breakdown is given: Too young / immature / not ready for responsibility – 32%, Economic – 21-28%, To avoid adjusting life – 16%, Mother single or in poor health – 12-13%, Enough children already – 4-8%, (Because the mental health of a mother has so many variables, I left it out)

Although these statistics may vary depending upon the group or organization giving them, it's doubtful that anyone can drastically change the 98% figure given for "personal choice". Each of the reasons given for abortion fit into the selfish thought, "what's best for me at the time" and not the life of the unborn. What abortionists don't tell women that have abortions is that their decision to have an abortion, the thing that seems best for them at the time has serious, life-long, emotional consequences for most women.

I believe that most women that have abortions think the abortionist has their best interest at heart when in fact, most of them don't. It must be understood that by killing their babies, abortionists are kept employed. Take the money out of killing babies and the number of abortions performed will drop drastically; it really is a big money industry. How much longer will the church of the living God remain silent while innocent babies are being murdered everyday in the name of "choice"? When will we realize that each baby, black, white and yellow are "fearfully and wonderfully made" by God? (Psalm 139:13-16)

In conclusion, there are two points I'd like to make that should be committed to memory and applied to our lives:

1. Jesus gave us two commandments known as the "Great Commandments" (Matthew 22:37-39). He said we are to first love God with all our heart, soul and mind. Secondly,

we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. When we truly love God, our aim in life is to please him by obeying his commands. With that said, we are commanded not to “murder” (Exodus 20:13). Abortion is murder.

2. There is only one unpardonable sin, the blasphemy against the Holy Spirit (Matthew 12:31). Women that have had an abortion need to know that if they have asked God to forgive them, he has. No human being is perfect, myself included. But we can all rest assured that the God we serve is a forgiving God, if we just ask for forgiveness. Not only is our God forgiving, he’s also loving. That is to say, he’ll never stop loving us, so if you have had an abortion, be comforted in knowing that God forgives if you ask and never stopped loving you.

For additional information go to:

1. “Life Issues Institute”
2. “The Center for Bio-Ethical Reform”
3. “Just Facts” (Abortion Essentials)
4. “Protecting Black Life” (Abortion and Genocide)

God Bless,
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