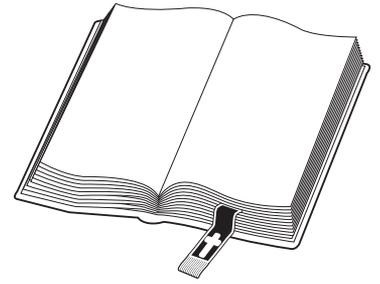


Hope for the Hopeless

“My soul faints for Your salvation, but I hope in Your word.” Psalm 119:81



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I am continuing to take you to the Bible to see what the Lord has to say about the value of each human life. We desperately need to see *every* life as *God* sees it: the unborn, the elderly, and the disabled.

Beloved, when my life was in hopeless ruins, God, by HIS AMAZING GRACE, gave me salvation and hope. When I trusted Christ as my Savior, I was a miracle. Three times my mother tried to abort me, but *God had another plan*. As an unwanted, unloved, battered, and abused child growing up in an alcoholic home, I often wished that she had succeeded. I often thought of suicide.

Beloved, you may have been told that you were an unwanted pregnancy. You may be elderly, disabled, or physically or mentally ill; still God’s Word says that He loves you. He created you, and He has a purpose for your life. Do not listen to the lies of the enemy. Do not listen to the devil or what you may have been taught in school, books you have read, or people’s opinions. The only truth comes from Jesus and the Bible. Genesis 1:26-27 tells us that God created us in His image. Psalm 127:3-5 tells us that children are a blessing from God, a reward, and a gift from Him. Psalm 139:13-18 tells us that God created us in our mother’s womb. His workmanship is marvelous. He saw us before we were born.

We did not evolve!! We were created by the only true and living God, and He loves us. Psalm 71:

4-6 reads, *“Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man. For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth. By You I have been upheld from birth; You are He who took me out of my mother’s womb. My praise shall be continually of You.”*

I praise God for saving my life in the womb, for keeping me sane, and for His plans for my life, even though they have included a lot of pain, suffering, and sorrow. Jeremiah 1:5 reads, *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”* The Lord created you and me. He knew us before we were born. He had a wonderful plan for each of our lives before we came out of the womb. No matter how much sorrow we have had, God is in control of our lives. As I have surrendered my life to Christ, obeying His Word by forgiving everyone who has hurt me and repenting of my own sins, Father God has healed me and given me an international ministry.

Beloved, if you have killed your unborn baby or you are thinking of killing your unborn baby, you will find compassion and help if you will call your local pregnancy resource center.

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All scripture is taken from the New King James Version of the Bible.

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