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What Kind of Culture Do We Want To Embrace?

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Who would have thought? After almost fifty years, the Supreme Court ruling back on January 22, 1973, *Roe v. Wade*, is now overturned, as is the 1992 ruling, *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey*! All of us are rejoicing today who believe that human life, from conception to the grave, is sacred and must be protected. Quoting from the syllabus at the beginning of the 213-page majority decision written by Justice Alito: “The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion; *Roe* and *Casey* are overruled; and the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives. Pp. 8–79.” This foundational truth regarding the U.S. Constitution has been known for decades. Even the three justices who dissented could not prove in their written paper where a right to abortion is in the Constitution.

I like how The Family Research Council in Washington D.C. states the value of human life: “The value of human life is not conditional upon its usefulness to others or the state, or an arbitrary evaluation of ‘quality of life.’ Rather, the value of human life is unconditional because God, the Author of life, has created all humans in His image and likeness” (from their website, www.frc.org/life). When the culture of a nation embraces this biblical worldview, then people of all faiths (or no faith), all ethnic groups, healthy or sick, strong or weak, rich or poor, physically whole or handicapped, can find assurance that they will be protected. I would add that it is only this worldview that will do so.

Here are some scriptures that support the belief that human life is sacred from the moment of conception, (specifically that God is the one who forms us, He knows us before we are born, and He has a plan for us before we take our first breath): Psalm 139:13-16; Genesis 1:27 & 2:7; Isaiah 49:1; and Galatians 1:15 (for starters). In addition, Jesus declared, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, but I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). The message of the Bible centers on the saving of life.

Justice Alito rightly stated that the “theory of life” is not for the Court to decide. More specifically, he said: “According to the dissent [those justices opposing the overturning of “*Roe*”], the Constitution requires the States to regard a fetus as lacking even the most basic human right—to live—at least until an arbitrary point in a pregnancy has passed. Nothing in the Constitution or in our Nation’s legal traditions authorizes the Court to adopt that ‘theory of life.’” – Take note of the phrase “arbitrary point.”

While medical science has come a long way since 1973, it still is at a loss to explain the hows and whys of conception and growth within the womb. The development of human life and birth is a miracle that is a wonder to behold. Therefore, how can anyone truly know when the “point” of becoming a “human life” occurs? Even without considering the Bible, is not it the more reasonable and prudent choice to err on the side of protecting a human life instead of on the side of ending that life. A culture that reveres and protects all human life would always choose to protect even the smallest and weakest human life. That is a given.

For decades we have heard: “It is about the woman’s right to choose – reproductive rights must be defended.” Well, if only the mother’s body was the issue, then we could agree with this argument. However, the fact is there is another human life with a developing body within her body. That baby has unique DNA, one-of-a-kind fingerprints, a heartbeat in less than two months from conception, and a blood type that can be different from the mother – and I could go on.

On another point - by overturning “Roe” and “Casey,” the Supreme Court affirmed its role of “interpreting” the Constitution instead of legislating from the bench. So regardless of which side someone is on this issue, we should all recognize that now the people of each state have a say by their voice, vote, and elected representatives – and not nine unelected justices. This is a good day for all in America and our Constitutional Republic.

Sadly, Washington fully funds abortions with our tax dollars and has very few protections for those who survive abortions. We have a lot to do in this state. The “ball is in our court,” so what culture will we embrace – one of revering all human life at all stages or one that uses “arbitrary points” to decide who lives and who does not?

Jesus came to “give life” – purposeful and meaningful life on earth and eternal life in heaven. I pray that more people will see how this worldview is a safeguard to all human life. The alternative has already taken the lives of over 60 million sacred human beings. And may I add that if you or someone you know is suffering from having had an abortion, there is compassionate help for you too. Contact me, and I can give you some information to help you – we care about you too! Thank you, God, and thank you, SCOTUS. God bless America – please!