



THE CHURCH'S MOMENT

*A Call for God's People
to Engage for Life
in a Post-Roe World*

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PREFACE

There are moments that define a culture - moments that shape us, become “pivot points,” and demand response.

In the aftermath of the Dobbs decision, which overturns *Roe v. Wade* and the nearly 50 years of judicial tyranny it imposed, history will long remember the central question of what lies ahead: How will the Church respond?

There is no group in our society that should be so distinctly known for their love of others than Bible-believing Christians. Scripture tells us that every human being is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). It commands us to love our neighbor as ourself (Mark 12:31). And we know the value God places on people - being willing to die for their salvation (Romans 5:8).

This is the Church’s moment. An opportunity is before us to stand for the life and value of every person, every Image Bearer. In a Post-Roe World, now is the time for God’s People to engage and love like never before.



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This resource is a call to action, and it is designed to be shared. It is also designed to be an entry point into the fight. Readers are encouraged to get involved through their church and to partner in the pro-life movement. Ways to get involved with Frontline are included on the back of this booklet.



FORWARD

When I ran to serve as Georgia's 83rd Governor, I promised to sign the strongest pro-life bill in the country - and I'm proud to have fulfilled that promise to Georgians and members of the Pro-Life community with the passage of HB 481, the Heartbeat Bill. While the radical left tried to boycott our great state, I was proud to stand in the gap for the unborn.

From defending life at the heartbeat, to adoption and foster care reform and cracking down on human trafficking, my family and I have led the fight to ensure Georgia is a state that values life at all stages.

The advocacy done by groups like Frontline Policy Council and Frontline Policy Action to achieve these wins for our movement has been invaluable. But as we anticipate the Supreme Court's pending Dobbs decision and look to a post-Roe world, we must remain committed to the work ahead of us. It is my firm belief that we cannot take our past successes for granted or rest on our laurels. Even when those who seek to radically change our state attack our values and way of life, we must stand firm.

As long as I am your Governor, we will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with you to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves and protect the God-given potential of each and every Georgian who calls the Peach State home.

Thank you and may God continue to bless the great state of Georgia!



B. Kemp

Brian Kemp
GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA

INTRODUCTION

In the early days of 2019, something was happening in Georgia that few thought possible. We began advocating for the passage of a Heartbeat Bill.

Yes, Brian Kemp had promised our organization and Rep. Ed Setzler that he would campaign pro-life legislation - a promise that he then followed with a campaign pledge. I was privileged to then serve on his Georgia First Committee, which was the transition team for his new administration. Part of those discussions were focused on fulfilling that promise, and I never doubted.

Others, not used to a Governor who actually kept his promises, refused to believe that such a bold measure for life would ever receive a vote in either Chamber of the General Assembly - much less reach the Governor's desk and receive his signature. Once it began moving, the panic of the pro-abortion movement was evident and chaos at the Capitol ensued.

If there is anything we have learned from the pro-abortion movement, it is that hatred, vitriol, fervor, and, often, violence, will follow any attempt to make their "sacrament" of abortion more difficult to access. Contrary to the old adage of "safe, legal, and rare," today's modern pro-abortion movement/industry holds abortion to be a central tenant of their political ideology and something to be "on demand and without apology."

Politically, these people are "opponents." Spiritually, however, we know these people are "lost," and that we have an opportunity to show God's love to them.

As these angry people flooded our Capitol - yelling at pro-life legislators, making grave stones for our allies, dressing in garb and hanging signs round their neck, showing an unbelievable anger and hostility - two thoughts came to mind more often than any other:

- 1. We have much work as a culture to do before our citizens really embrace a "pro-life ethos"***
- 2. Pro-abortion advocates, which outnumbered "our side" in terms of presence at the Capitol, seem to care a whole lot more about death than pro-life Christians care about defending life.***

What a sad indictment on God's people. More than one legislator said to me during those days and in the weeks that followed, "where is the Church"?

As we enter this next phase as a nation, where we have the opportunity to save lives and stop the killing - may such an utterance never be made again. This is the Church's moment. This is our time to rise up. This is our time to live our faith.

This booklet is a call to action - with some Georgia specifics but applicable across the country - for God's people to protect human life, with simple strategies and the way forward. In no way is this comprehensive, but here's my simple promise: we will stand with you every step of the way. We are here on the Frontline to stop the killing, make abortion illegal, and, because God has a plan for our hearts and for our culture, make abortion unthinkable as well.

The overturning of Roe is simply the beginning. Christian, this is your call to take a stand!

A DISTINCT WORLDVIEW

A Pro-Life Culture Starts With The Church

The world has so much evil that it becomes an easy habit of the Church to look outwardly and see the problem as "out there." I am asking all of us to hold up a mirror.

Does your church have a pro-life worldview?

Does your church empower its members to articulate the value of being an Image Bearer of the Most High God?

Does your church teach that God knew us in the womb, that we are intentionally designed, and that abortion is the taking of innocent human life? Would a non-repentant, pro-abortion advocate feel uncomfortable in your church, not because your church is unwelcoming, but because it is so clearly passionate for the cause of life?

Would a non-repentant, pro-abortion advocate see a contradiction between their views and the preaching and teaching of God's Word? Would a visitor in your church see your passion for life so clearly, their own experience counters the narrative that Christians are only pro-birth?

Does your church inform its congregants that getting involved in the advancement of protecting human life is not something for "some of us" it is a biblical mandate for "all of us" as a crucial aspect of living out our faith - that when Christians see unspeakable atrocity, they "stand firm and take action" (Daniel 11:32b)?

If your answer is not in the affirmative, then the problem is not with our schools, our universities, our entertainment industry, our businesses, or our politics. IT IS WITH THE CHURCH! How can we expect our culture to stand for life if our church is not boldly, clearly, and intentionally pro-life?

Now, let me be clear: there's a long and troubled history of politics "co-opting" the Church. The Church's mission is to preach the Gospel, to equip believers, be salt and light in the world, and evangelize. Neither this booklet, nor any Frontline activity, is designed to deter the Church from achieving or focusing on its core mission.

At Frontline, we firmly believe that sharing God's love with our neighbors means our neighbors who are born and unborn. We would NEVER advocate for politics for the sake of politics. We simply recognize that obediently applying the teachings of Scripture extends outside the walls of the church building and into every aspect of our lives, including our civic engagement.

But, I humbly ask, how can the church execute its core mission without embracing the cause of protecting His image bearers? It cannot.

Every Bible-believing church should be intentional about preaching, teaching, instilling, and equipping a pro-life worldview among its congregants - not for political reasons but for biblical ones.

Every church member should hear the cause of life (the whole Word) preached from the pulpit, even the parts seen as "political". They should know the value God places on life, his intentional design of it, and how Christians should similarly value others. And, because we live in a practical world, Christians should be equipped with knowledge of how to engage in the world.

Can a Christian effectively live out their pro-life worldview if the Church does not inform them of how that worldview is under attack in the world?

Practically, churches should be a resource by which their members can learn the status of pro-life laws in their state, how to get involved, and how to speak to those who may not share their worldview. Church members should be able to find out what the Dobbs decision means AT THEIR CHURCH, far more than they learn about what this moment means by watching Fox News or CNN.

This statement is not meant to place the entire burden on your pastor. But, through direct action or through partnership with a group like Frontline, churches need to be a go-to spot by which Christians live out their faith in the world. And, the life issue is very much present in the world.

Moreover, it is an opportunity for Christians to show their distinctiveness from the rest of the world.

Three practical steps for churches and their leaders - and for members to encourage from their church leadership:

- 1. Preach a minimum of one expositional sermon focused on the value of life every year and the horror of abortion - this is a topic (that Scripture speaks to from Genesis to Revelation) that can be preached on multiple times a year or woven into other topics, but make it a priority to make AT LEAST one sermon a year designed to equip your congregation on this topic!***
- 2. Designate a member of the congregation - can be someone already in leadership or simply a passionate member - to be the "pro-life" resource of information, updates, connection, and advocacy for your church.***
- 3. Provide opportunities for members to learn more - either through partnership with an organization like Frontline, a local pregnancy center, another pro-life outlet, resources to learn more, or Bible studies.***

Again, we cannot blame the culture for this problem. Let us start with the Church - ensuring Christians know the truth and biblical mandate to stand for life!

TURNING KNOWLEDGE INTO LOVING ACTION

We have a vacuum of information about life and abortion within the Church. Yet, as we address this, here's the next mission: fulfill God's call to love other people through action.

Even as many churches are too silent on the issue, many conservative churches are filled with self-identified pro-life Christians... who do nothing to serve those who are either engaged in the pro-life fight or to help the women we are encouraging to choose life.

The moment is now for a woman - frightened and concerned - experiencing an unplanned pregnancy to feel most comfortable going FIRST to the local church or to her Christian friend for help.

As Christians, if we are to be "lovers of life," we need to be supporters of and champions for the women who are bringing life into the world.

There are many great resources for women. Many leaders of pregnancy resource centers are great heroes. Good friends of our ministry, Suzanne and Rachel Guy - a mother and daughter that truly are the "heartbeat" of the pro-life movement in Georgia - will stand outside of Planned Parenthood, try to reach abortion-minded women, and then, if they are successful, will provide support and help for these women. I cannot tell you how many times I have spoken with Suzanne when she is off to throw a baby shower for a woman she met outside of Planned Parenthood!

I also cannot tell you how few Suzanne Guys there are and how many more we desperately need!

With the overturning of Roe, abortion will still be legal across the country until states begin changing their laws (more on that later). However, abortion access in a state like Georgia will be limited. While we praise God for this development, the number of women set to give birth and unprepared for this life-changing event will increase.

Unexpected pregnancies need to be met with unexpected love, kindness, care, and resources from the Christian community.

In some cases, this may mean a quick helping hand. In others, however, this may involve investing in these women as they wrestle with their options and whether to keep their child or place the baby up for adoption.

Keep in mind that pregnancy resource centers - and all organizations helping women choose life - are bound by the same constraints as the rest of the world. They need resources to function. Please don't just pat these great leaders and pro-life champion on the back. Support their work financially, attend their banquets, and pray for how you can supply their needs!

Four practical steps for churches and believers:

- 1. Establish a benevolence ministry budget for moms - who are or would previously have been abortion minded - and engage personally to support and help women.***
- 2. Identify a pro-life ministry that serves women well and make support of that ministry a part of your church's missions and your personal budget.***
- 3. Dedicate a day a year to discuss adoption and foster care at your church and consider becoming an adoptive or foster parent yourself.***
- 4. Volunteer at a pregnancy resource center. They are an incredible opportunity for truly impactful missions work!***

Churches and believers should not simply affirm pro-life positions and beliefs. They must follow truth by being His hands and feet, loving others, and getting involved in direct pro-life action. Loving others is the great call of the Christian, and, as we affirm being "pro-life," may we be on the Frontline supporting these life decisions.

BEING NOT AFRAID

Influencing Culture

As Scripture so often promises, the world hates you for holding firm to the faith. And in modern America, you are hated for being openly and unashamedly pro-life.

Be not afraid.

Every Christian is given a platform to be persuasive, and, as we enter this next step of the life debate, we need believers to be willing to articulate their pro-life perspective in the culture. This requires a comprehensive approach!

As the Heartbeat Bill was moving in Georgia, "big business" spoke out against it. So did the entertainment industry. Our education system largely supports abortion. Pro-abortion advocates are loud and vocal.

Business. Entertainment. Education. Personal Engagement. Can Christians counter? Do we have such platforms? The short answer: We do. But it is going to take greater commitment on our part!

In most churches, there are likely multiple members who own a business. Do they leverage their business to advance a pro-life ethos?

Entertainment and education are more difficult. Christians must be more intentional about influencing these industries, creating good content, and building first-class schools - schools that won't "go woke" or be ashamed of the cause of Christ.

But here is the easiest: we all have a personal network and platform. Do your friends, colleagues, and social media followers know that you are pro-life? Do they know why?

Being a pro-life apologist is no different than being a Christian apologist. If speaking to someone about the need for Jesus drives you to tell someone of God's love, why would you not be able to declare boldly how God loves His image bearers and loves the cause of life?

2 Corinthians 10:5 says it beautifully: "we destroy arguments..." Are you ready to destroy pro-abortion arguments?

If we are to build a truly pro-life culture, the Church cannot be insular. We need to be bold about proclaiming God's truth in our culture, and that means being willing to leverage our platforms and our resources to persuade others of the reality of human life. Remember: There is hope! Despite criticism of America's rising generations, young people in this country are the most pro-life - in part because that is where the science is.

As Christians, we know our God better when we discuss the beauty of human life and God's Design. You have an obligation to study it and declare it.

As Christians, we defend and stand for our Lord better when we recognize the evil and horror of abortion. You have an obligation to study it and condemn it.

Three practical steps for Christians:

1. Study pro-life resources and be prepared to actively defend your stance.

[NOTE: Frontline is launching MakeAbortionUnthinkable.org to be a go-to resource to this effect.]

2. Leverage social media platforms and personal connections to be a bold ambassador for life.

3. Support pro-life businesses, Christian schools, entertainment outlets, and resources that allow believers to spread truth about the pro-life issue.

The more people learn about life - and the horror of abortion - the more likely they are to support the cause. In fact, we see this evidenced very clearly in polling. The numbers swing wildly based on how questions are asked, because people do not understand the full ramifications of generic questions like "do you support Roe v. Wade." This is shown by the fact that they often answer differently the question "do you believe unborn children with heartbeats should be protected in the womb?"

There is an information gap and we need to fill it, and there is a persuasion problem that we need to address. God's people can be the solution to changing how the culture sees abortion!

SAVING LIVES THROUGH PRO-LIFE LAWS

Education alone - and Christian engagement alone - is not sufficient to glorify a God who demands we "stand firm and take action." When we see evil in the world, we do not wait for the culture to agree with us or simply hope things "sort themselves out." We **MUST** work to end evil and pass laws that protect life!

With the Dobbs decision, the highest Court in the land no longer [falsely] recognizes abortion to be a constitutional right. Inherently, however, it is not distinctly "pro-life." It now means the pro-life battles will be decided by the states - with 50 distinct battles being fought around the country.

In Georgia, we anticipate that our Heartbeat Law (HB 481) will be implemented in short order. Here are a few things that bill means:

- 1. Georgia considers a person to be a person upon conception, stating "a 'Natural person' is any human being including an unborn child" - this will have an effect on Georgia population counts as services are distributed.**
- 2. Abortion is illegal upon detection of a heartbeat except when the child is less than 20 weeks gestational age and the product of rape or incest or deemed to be "medically futile."**

- 3. Any woman upon whom an abortion is performed in violation of the Heartbeat Bill has a private right of action against the doctor who performed the abortion.**
- 4. A pregnant mother shall be eligible to demand child support from the father.**
- 5. In cases of a homicide involving an unborn child, there shall be a party eligible to recover the full “value” of the life of the child in the form of financial restitution.**
- 6. Any child with a detectable heartbeat qualifies as a dependent minor for tax purposes.**

Especially in light of the personhood components, the Georgia Heartbeat Law is considered the nation’s strongest pro-life law.

It is, however, far from perfect. It does not end all abortion. For most children, their lives could be terminated until their heartbeats are detected. For children who are the product of rape or incest or are deemed “medically futile” (a term often falsely applied by fallible doctors), their lives can be ended up to 20 weeks.

While we support legislation that saves lives, we must be clear: our goal as Christians is to stop the killing. All of it. End abortion. Period.

Yet, we live in a practical world. The political reality around Georgia’s Heartbeat Law is that it passed with one vote to spare. While Frontline and others will work to end abortion in the state, we realize that this may take time.

One critical intermediate step is ending President Biden’s abortion-by-mail scheme. Since its evil inception, the abortion pill - dangerous to both the woman and the child - has been prescribed only after an in-person examination. This visit allowed the doctor to confirm how far along the pregnancy was and ensure the safety of the mother.

Now, post-pandemic the Biden Administration has allowed the bill to be mailed, and an in-person visit is no longer required. Such a step is dangerous to the woman, but it also circumvents Georgia’s Heartbeat Law - which necessitates an in-person visit to detect the heartbeat.

Legislation was offered in the 2022 session of the Georgia General Assembly - sponsored by Sen. Bruce Thompson - that would have largely addressed this problem. While this bill did not pass, similar legislation will be put forward in the next session.

Chemical abortions are where the fight is now, and it’s how the majority of abortions occur. If we do nothing to address this problem, we will have a “nicer, cleaner feeling” society. We will feel less “icky” because of the grotesque nature of

dismemberment abortions. But we will ultimately have done nothing to save lives - lives simply being snuffed out earlier and by a pill.

That said, pro-life laws do not simply mean reducing the number of abortions - it means providing support for life and those bringing life into this world. This includes support for homes that house pregnant women, resources allocated to increase the number of OBGYNs and nurses in rural counties, and support for adoption and foster care.

Governor Kemp has made supporting adoption and foster care a top priority, and he has signed one of the nation's most generous tax credits for adoption into law. More still needs to be done legislatively to make adoption easier and more affordable, to clean up our foster care system, and to encourage more Christian parents to adopt.

Dobbs is only the beginning. Legislative efforts to bring our state's abortion number to zero and to ensure our laws support women and cherish life must continue.

Around the country, other states will pass their own laws. A number of the states are in similar positions as Georgia - having passed strong pro-life laws that will be implemented in short order. Other pro-life states will move quickly to seize the opportunity to save lives.

Eighteen states, however, have already codified abortion as a "right" in their laws. Despicably, California, for example, is striving to become an "abortion sanctuary" and offer free abortions to its citizens and financial incentives to women from other states considering coming to the left coast to have an abortion performed.

The federal government may also try to weigh in - though such efforts by Congress could be deemed as unconstitutional by the Court, in light of the Dobbs decision. Pro-abortion officials have already tried to pass legislation aimed at "codifying Roe."

Because Georgia recognizes the personhood of the unborn due to HB 481, our state is in a strong position to have respect for life permeate our laws. However, as soon as such an effort is viable and promising, Georgia would do well to pass a constitutional amendment recognizing the rights of preborn children.

Now, what happens if Georgia loses its way?

Simply because our state currently has a pro-life majority and pro-life laws, it does not mean it will stay that way. The Dobbs decision does not guarantee one trajectory for the life movement. Any policy gains must be kept and vigilance must be enhanced. At Frontline, we are committed to bring the number of abortions to zero but also remaining in the pro-life fight so that it stays that way. In that effort, we are blessed by state allies, the FPC movement with currently 40 other state-based

groups around the country doing similar work, and national-level partners like SBA List and Alliance Defending Freedom.

Seven practical steps for churches and believers:

- 1. Partner with an organization engaged in policy at the state Capitol - this could be Frontline or any allied pro-life organization.***
- 2. Connect with pro-life organizations on social media, join organization email list, and staying informed.***
- 3. Designate a “legislative liaison” at your church.***
- 4. Know who your officials are. Church leaders should be familiar with leaders who represent the geographic space their congregants occupy, and they should encourage members to know who represents them.***
- 5. Visit the Capitol for at least one day per year during the legislative session. Frontline is happy to host!***
- 6. Attend or Host one of Frontline Policy Council’s Biblical Citizenship Academies [Simply contact our team, and we will help make it happen].***
- 7. Pray for your legislators by name and consider having them listed in the bulletin in your church.***

The Dobbs decision will not protect human life. It relies on us, our states, our laws, and our actions to do it. The Church must engage in the legislative process and believers should be a powerful force at the Capitol to ensure lives are protected. Frontline is here to lobby and advocate for life, but we need your support and engagement.

WINNING AT THE BALLOT BOX IS PARAMOUNT

One of my most oft-uttered phrases is “personnel is policy”. That is my way of saying - “we get the right people in place, they do the right things, and our policy becomes law.”

The Dobbs decision was possible because Donald Trump beat Hillary Clinton in 2016 and then followed through on his campaign promise to appoint conservative judges.

The Heartbeat Bill was signed because Brian Kemp beat Stacey Abrams in 2018 and then followed through on his campaign promise to push for and sign such legislation.

Rep. Ed Setzler narrow victory in 2018 was equally paramount to the success of these pro-life efforts.

Christians, especially in light of the Dobbs decision, cannot eschew politics. They must embrace their mandate to be salt and light by engaging in and winning elections - including running for office, donating to candidates, knocking on doors, and everything else that underscores the reality that the sacredness of human life is very much on the ballot.

Our sister organization, Frontline Policy Action, engages in elections by recruiting and endorsing candidates, informing voters, and through independent expenditures - such as direct mail and TV - to facilitate the growth of pro-life majorities in the Georgia House and Senate and to build one in Washington, DC. Frontline is the only pro-life organization in Georgia with this approach with a winning track record.

Another unique aspect of this approach is Frontline Policy Action's willingness to engage in primaries. While the Republican Party maintains a pro-life platform, not all Republicans are pro-life - and certainly not all Republicans are equally pro-life. We refuse to endorse anyone who did not support the Heartbeat Bill, and we even released a statement calling for the ousting of Republicans who did not.

On the other hand, it remains our hope that the Democrat Party will not forever be beholden to Planned Parenthood and the pro-abortion industry. In fact, Georgia's Heartbeat Law was saved by the vote of Rep. Mack Jackson, a Democrat from South Georgia.

Our goal as Christians should be to make the life issue bipartisan - something we can all agree on. This is not a political issue - it is a moral imperative.

In the meantime, however, we have a greater obligation to discern the seriousness of a candidate's pro-life commitment, especially now that they are unconstrained by Roe. Is a candidate who says they are "pro-life" actually willing to stop the killing if the opportunity is there? If not, they are likely unworthy of your vote.

We have long known - though it has not been embraced enough by every Christian voter - that pro-abortion candidates are unworthy of our vote. Now more than ever, it must be engrained in Christian circles that voting for a pro-abortion candidate is a deviation from the faith. We are walking in sin if we support those who stand for the destruction of innocent life.

In 2022 Georgia, we are blessed with pro-life statewide officials and a pro-life majority in the State House and State Senate. The statewide offices are on the ballot again. And all of the General Assembly seats are on the ballot as well.

This year, every US House and one US Senate seat will be on the ballot in Georgia. Currently, there are pro-abortion majorities in either Chamber. And, with the dynamics of the Court potentially hanging in the balance and a pro-abortion push to establish federal “protections” for abortion, there is a greater emphasis on pro-life federal officials than ever before.

Approaching 2024, we can also expect the life issue to be far more a point of emphasis for White House hopefuls than it has been in decades. And, as Christians, we have a duty to force that issue into the open as much as we can.

Lives are literally at stake with our vote!

Practical steps for believers:

- 1. Research your elected officials’ record on life and determine whether they should be replaced.***
- 2. Follow local campaigns closely - evaluating credible endorsements, getting to know the candidates, and assessing their life commitments.***
- 3. Invite elected officials to become familiar with your church and even attend a service or Bible study.***
- 4. Encourage fellow believers to run for office.***
- 5. Develop a culture in your church where - without necessarily endorsing candidates - elections and issues are discussed and voting for life is seen as essential.***

With the Dobbs decision, the candidates we vote for can truly determine whether life will be protected. Now more than ever, Christians should be engaged in the political process. God may be calling you to run, be a donor, be a volunteer, or simply be an engaged voting ambassador. This we know, Christian - YOUR VOTE FOR LIFE MATTERS!

Let me add this for the Christian engaging in pro-life policy and elections: BE WINSOME. Despair and desperation comes to those who destroy life with abortion. Abortion does not make people happy. You, as a pro-life advocate, are not trying to keep people from something good. You are joyfully pointing people to the precious nature of life, the value of life, and God’s plan for life.

NOT AN ISOLATED ISSUE

Life Is Part Of God's Design

In just about any initiative, vision is a key part of success. In my closing thoughts, I want to remind the Church to remember to think big about God's Design and remember that life is not an isolated issue. Despite its centrality and importance, it is part of what God intended for the family.

Ending abortion? Yes, that's important. We should envision and call for an abortion-free society in this new Post-Roe World. And we should think big about even going beyond our state's borders and working for a nation and a world where abortion is no more. The slaughter of the innocent has no place on our planet!

Cherishing life? Having a pro-life worldview and cultural ethos solves a lot of social ills - addressing issues ranging from racism to general lack of civility in society. Yes, it is a BIG vision to think of a world where we see each other as image bearers of the Living King and therefore valuable.

But, Christian, as we engage for life, remember that it is part of God's bigger, more joyous plan for the family.

A pro-life worldview is impossible to fully distinguish - for the Christian - from a pro-family worldview. To believe that God designed us intentionally and wonderfully and to believe that we are image bearers of the Living King is also to embrace the doctrine that we are designed male and female. Embracing that belief leads to a biblical understanding of marriage, which leads to a biblical understanding of the family.

In being pro-life, we as believers should joyously point the world to the reality that we are made male and female as part of God's good and perfect design.

In being pro-life, we as believers should have joyous marriages and embrace God's good plan for a sexual ethic that is between only husbands and wives. Pro-lifers should make an emphasis on the greatness and centrality of marriage!

And, in being pro-life, we as believers should have strong families where we love each other and, in unity, love Jesus supremely.

Now, we serve a God of grace. Many believers were not able to fully experience God's prescription as outlined in Scripture. Do not make them feel "less than"! Many needing our support have similarly deviated from His good path. Point them to Christ's love, grace, and forgiveness.

This closing thought is not meant to lead any toward feeling “high and mighty,” judgmental, or superior. It is instead to remind all of us that, just as the Church was far-too-absent leading up the Roe decision in 1973, we were far-too-absent in the lead up to Obergefell and have been far-too-absent in this phony debate on “gender identity.” The Church can no longer be absent from the attacks on God’s Design for the family.

On each of these issues, we see such evil in the world. I cannot promise that we will see their end. I cannot promise that one day June’s “Pride Month” will be “Biblical Sexual Ethic Month” or that the image of the rainbow will one day be reclaimed.

However, we can see that God is not done with Georgia, with our nation, and with our culture. The Dobbs decision is a miracle, and He can perform more. But He uses His people and their faithfulness.

As we cast a vision for God’s people impacting the world, let us fully embrace the cause of life in our churches, our culture, our policy, and our elections. Let us also, however, embrace a pro-family worldview that holistically advances God’s beautiful and joyous design.

- 1. Support adoption and foster care - and even devote a week, weekend, or Sunday every year at your church to engage believers in this powerful manifestation of God's love.***
- 2. Preach and teach about God's design for sex and human sexuality.***
- 3. Focus on marriage. Christian divorce rates look like the world's. Empower Christians to have joyful marriages, and devote time as a church to this initiative.***
- 4. Invest in Christian education. With the radical pro-abortion, pro-LGBQ left increasingly using schools as their conduit to indoctrinate children against the family, support or start local Christian schools or homeschooling efforts.***
- 5. Talk openly, as a church, about how God can use the Church to advance His design for the family. Cast a BIG vision!***

What a joyous victory we have for life! Abortion is a great atrocity that stands out over the course of human history. We must rejoice with the opportunity afforded by Dobbs, and we must seize the opportunity to save lives.

God has called us to more, though. May we, as we reflect, drive a resurgence in the family - in celebrating God’s Design, in loving marriage, and embracing His sexual prescription. Such a joyous and transformed culture - one that is truly pro-life - can emerge from such a distinct approach from His Church!

EPILOGUE

As we enter a Post-Roe World, we are faced with a reality that many women will find themselves in unplanned, unwanted, or crisis pregnancies. While we rightly celebrate Dobbs, now is the time for the Church to be the hands and feet of Jesus and provide resources, support, help, and hope to those who need it.

Abortion minded women and families need to so clearly see the Church is on the frontlines – ready to truly be lovers of life rather than simply haters of abortion.

Frequently, I hear concern that the reduced access to abortion – a joyous state in which Georgia now finds itself – will do harm to women. That is not and cannot be the case!

There are a wealth of resources available being used by God to meet women at their greatest point of need.

Recently, Georgia passed legislation to help non-profits set up maternity housing for pregnant women. Our pregnancy resource centers and their staffs are true heroes. Some, though not enough, churches have set up ministries – something I hope this booklet encourages you to do.

At my church, I founded LIV – Life Initiatives & Values – which serves to educate our congregants but also act as a coordination point for various benevolence and outreach efforts. We have provided baby showers, clothes, diapers, and other support for frightened young moms. Many Catholic friends are involved in their initiative called Walking with Moms in Need. They are doing a great job serving women!

We do need more support and more resources to fully take on this effort, but I encourage everyone to realize that our single greatest challenge is raising awareness that these initiatives are underway to support women.

My friends at Frontline are committed to connecting you with and highlighting great ministries all across Georgia, and I encourage you to research what is available in your local community. I further encourage you to make sure your church is aware of and engaged in these local ministries.

As someone who has experienced the joy it is of becoming friends with and going on the journey with these precious pregnant moms both pre and post natal, I hope you will partner with what God is doing to give women hope, serving one at a time, lives being saved and showing Jesus' love as we together build a pro life culture and community.

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FURTHER RESOURCES

Stay connected and join us on the Frontline!

Here are some resources to keep you engaged in the movement:



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