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Forty years ago the Supreme Court decided a case that would ultimately end the lives of tens of millions of unborn babies. The legalization of abortion through the Roe v. Wade decision allowed the death of up to 1 out of 3 children born in following generations. On that same day, they released the Doe v. Bolton decision that ultimately made abortion legal up to the day of birth in all 50 states.

These decisions were made based on a hierarchy of rights and interests. The rights of the woman, the rights of the state, and the rights of the unborn baby were all compared. Using many different arguments, the prevailing justices found that the right of the unborn baby to live was less important than the right of the woman to end that life. The misplaced comparison between rights ended in the death of 55 million babies and the pain and guilt of millions of women.

RIGHTS V. RIGHT

While the rights we share in our country are important, what God views as right is even more so. Abortion has been legal since 1973, but it has never been right in God's eyes. Christ, who allowed the children to come to Him, who cared for the sick and weak, and who helped the poor and despised is our example to follow - even if our culture and society disagree.

The opportunity to join God in caring for the weak and downtrodden is all around us. We can change and save lives through giving or volunteering at Pregnancy Centers. We can help mothers avoid the guilt of abortion by promoting the message of life at fairs and community events. We can mobilize voters to elect pro-life candidates by giving to or volunteering at Right to Life organizations. YOU can even start or join a pro-life group in your church to help your congregation be a part of protecting the unborn. The opportunities to respond to God's call to do what is right are all around. Will you respond?

Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, "But we knew nothing about this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?

Proverbs 24:11-12

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