

SANCTITY OF LIFE

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What does it mean to have a
Biblical Worldview that
transcends a radically,
politically polarized culture
like ours?

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A Christian Understanding of “Pro-Life”

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1. God is the giver and author of every human life.

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Psalms 139:13-16

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

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Psalms 139:13-16

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

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A Christian Understanding of “Pro-Life”

2. All humans are sacred and have inherent dignity because we are uniquely made in the image of God.

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Genesis 1:26-27

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

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So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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3. We are called to care and advocate for the weak, voiceless and defenseless.

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Matthew 25:34-40

“Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.”

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Proverbs 31:8-9

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see that they get justice.

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Pro-Life: Advocating for the dignity and sanctity of human life at every stage; from the womb to the tomb.

Pre-born children

Foster, Adoption and
Orphan Care

Special Needs

Human Trafficking Victims

Racial Reconciliation

Poverty and Death from
Preventable Diseases

Those who are Incarcerated

Immigrants and

Refugees

Those at the End of Life

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The Dignity and the Sanctity of Pre-born Children

1. Since the passing of Roe Vs. Wade in 1973, nearly 57 million pre-born children have been terminated through legal abortion in America.

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The Dignity and the Sanctity of Pre-born Children

2. 91% of Spiritually active Christians want more information from their pastor about abortion and the beginning of life.

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The Dignity and the Sanctity of Pre-born Children

3. This is not an outside of the church issue, 60% of women obtaining abortions attend church and yet only 22% say they have heard religious leaders speak about abortion.

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Biblically- God creates human life at
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Scientifically- Human life begins at
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1981 Senate Judiciary Subcommittee
“Physicians, biologists, and other scientists agree that conception marks the beginning of the life of a human being- a being that is alive and is a member of the human species. There is overwhelming agreement on this point in countless medical, biological and scientific writings.”

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Father of Modern Genetics- Dr. Jerome Lejeune

“To accept the fact that after fertilization has taken place a new human has come into being is no longer a matter of taste or opinion...it is plain experimental evidence. Each individual has a very neat beginning, at conception.”

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Does a mother have the
right to choose abortion?

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Mary Elizabeth Williams, “*So what if abortion ends life*”, 2013

“Yet I know that throughout my own pregnancies, I never wavered for a moment in the belief that I was carrying a human life inside of me. I believe that’s what a fetus is: a human life. And that doesn’t make me one iota less solidly pro-choice.”

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“Here’s the complicated reality in which we live: All life is not equal...A fetus can be a human life without having the same rights as the woman in whose body it resides. She’s the boss. Her life and what is right for her circumstances and her health should automatically trump the rights of the non-autonomous entity inside her. Always.”

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“On March 6, 1857, the Supreme Court, in Dred Scott vs. Stanford, rule that no act of Congress or territorial legislature could make laws banning slavery. The fundamental argument was that slaves are not free and equal persons but the property of their masters. The ruling is analogous to Roe Vs. Wade because today no state may make a law banning abortion to protect the unborn.”

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“The argument is similar: basically because the unborn are at the sovereign disposal of their mothers and do not have personal standing in their own right... And today, 130 years later, we look back with amazing consensus and marvel at the blindness of our forefathers and fail to see it in ourselves.” -John Piper

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What about the hard cases?

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Rape, Incest, life endangerment=
less than 1% of all abortions.

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Rape and incest are not biblical reasons to terminate a life God has created.

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Richard Rorty,

“Truth is doing what works for me
and what my society let’s me get
away with.”

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Where do we go from here?

- 1) Embrace God's Unconditional Love and Forgiveness

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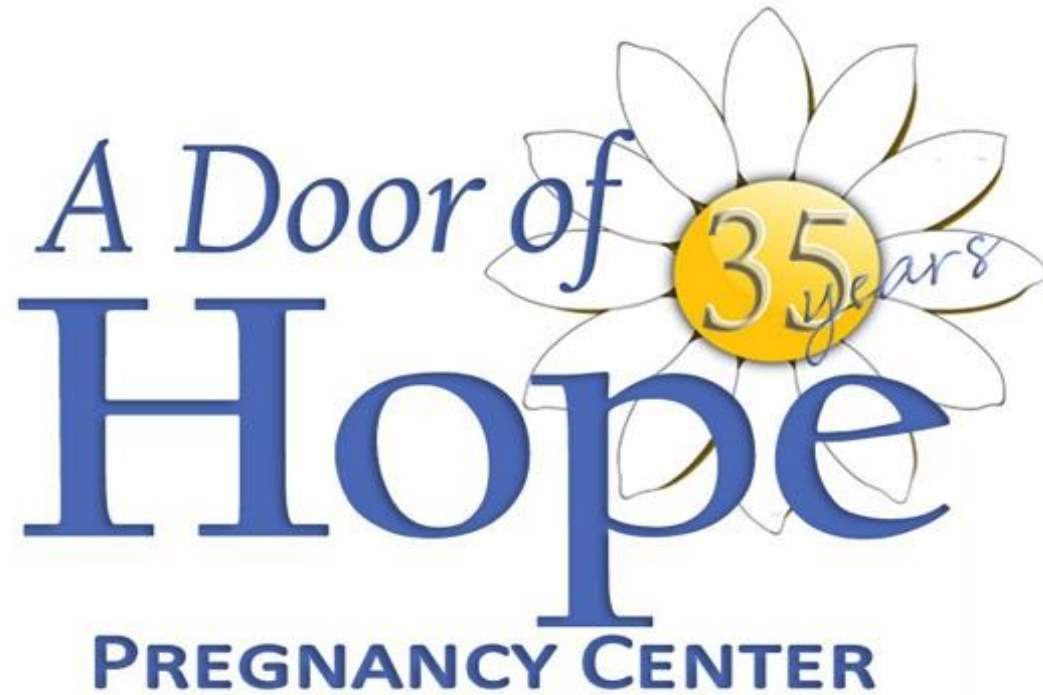
Surrendering the Secret- Patricia
Layton

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat- March or
April dates available

www.rachelsvineyard.org

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www.adoorofhope.org

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Where do we go from here?

2) Be Compassionate and Gracious

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Where do we go from
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3) Pray

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Where do we go from here?

4) Educate yourself and others

-Focus on the Family *Dignity and Sanctity of Every Human Life*

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Where do we go from
here?

5) Get Involved

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