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MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER!

Anybody with even just a radio or newspaper subscription knows by now that the United States Supreme Court has ruled to overturn the the previous decision on Roe vs. Wade. While it is a huge step toward protecting the lives of the unborn, this ruling does not mean that abortion is illegal. It means that the authority to regulate, ban, or promote abortion belongs to each state. While this decision can hardly be separated from its moral implications, it might more clearly be thought of as constitutional decision.

So, now what? Each state now has the responsibility to determine how it will approach abortion. This means that every state has become a bitter battleground overnight. Some states have laws banning abortion that were designed to go into effect as soon as Roe vs. Wade was overturned. Others have laws which predate Roe vs. Wade. Some have multiple conflicting laws. There is much work to be done. In Michigan, an injunction filed against a 1931 ban on abortion is currently keeping the law from being enforceable until the Michigan Supreme Court reviews it. This means, for now, abortion remains legal in Michigan. Your prayers for faithful leadership and guidance of our state's leaders are more important than ever.

The mission of the Pregnancy Care Centers is also more important than ever. John wrote "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." (1 John 3:18) Wouldn't it be a shame if Christians simply took a "victory lap," rejoicing at the Supreme Court decision and then patting themselves on the back for loving the unborn so well? Is that what Christian love looks like? Certainly not! Instead, it might only confirm the false accusation that Christians only care about life until the baby is born, and don't care about mothers or children.

In contrast, you'll notice that the Pregnancy Care Centers logo includes the words, "Love them both." As much as proponents of abortion might try to demonize centers like ours, the main mission of our centers is not even abortion prevention. In fact, that conversation is not even particularly common. We do not try to trick mothers who want abortions to come to our centers only to lash out at them with God's law. Instead, we try to support mothers and children with what material resources we have, as well as with the most important thing, the good news of forgiveness and love in Jesus their Savior. This should not be controversial or upsetting to anyone on either side of the argument over abortion. There is no reasonable argument against taking the time to listen to someone without judgment, tell them about their Savior who loves and forgives them, and give them items and supplies they might not be able to afford themselves. This is true love in action, and now is not the time to sit back and rely on laws to replace love.

So, how can you help? First and foremost, pray! Pray that God will continue to use our government to move toward protecting unborn children. Pray that abortions will occur less and less, and that hurting and needy families will find our centers. Pray that our volunteers will have the strength and wisdom to share God's comforting Word with people who need to hear it. Pray that God will make that Word take root and grow a beautiful harvest.

Second, if you have the means, donate! Donations of money and baby items are critical to our mission. Information about donating and wishlists are available at the websites listed for each center. Donations like yours have made it possible for these centers to offer tremendous resources to families in need for years.

Third, consider volunteering! If abortion is limited, there will be more parents than ever in need of help. Our centers are always looking for faithful volunteers—sorters, receptionists, help-liners, mentors, and more—and you almost certainly have gifts that would be a blessing to others. Even just once a month helps!

As Christians, we know that God holds all lives as precious in his sight, that he reserves the right to end a life for himself, and that life begins at conception. We can rejoice that he has done the improbable, and led our government to move in a direction that may more closely align with his views and values on human life. (Seriously, praise God!) Let's not leave it at that, however! Let's also realize that now might be one of the greatest opportunities in many of our lifetimes to live out Christ-like love and love not just unborn lives, but the lives of mothers and fathers and children at risk. This is what our centers exist to do. This work is truly more important than ever. Please prayerfully consider the many ways you can support our mission to "love them both!"



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