

Elephant in the Room

Part 6—What the Bible Says about Human Life

Exodus 1:8-20—⁸Then, eventually, a new king came to the throne of Egypt who felt no obligation to the descendants of Joseph. ⁹He told his people, “These Israelis are becoming dangerous to us because there are so many of them. ¹⁰Let’s figure out a way to put an end to this. If we don’t, and war breaks out, they will join our enemies and fight against us and escape out of the country.” ¹¹So the Egyptians made slaves of them and put brutal taskmasters over them to wear them down under heavy burdens . . . ¹²But the more the Egyptians mistreated and oppressed them, the more the Israelis seemed to multiply! The Egyptians became alarmed ¹³⁻¹⁴and made the Hebrew slavery more bitter still . . . ¹⁵⁻¹⁶Then Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, instructed the Hebrew midwives . . . to kill all Hebrew boys as soon as they were born, but to let the girls live. ¹⁷But the midwives feared God and didn’t obey the king—they let the boys live too. . . . ²⁰And God blessed the midwives because they were God-fearing women. So the people of Israel continued to multiply and to become a mighty nation. (TLB)

What We Learn from the Hebrew Midwives

1. _____ Matters.

Proverbs 29:2—²When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan. (NLT)

- Issues about life are not political, they’re _____

2. The Danger Begins When We View a Life as a _____ to be Solved Instead of a _____ to be Saved.

Psalms 100:3a—³Know that the Lord Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves. . . (NASB95)

- When does life begin? The facts of life:
 - Life begins at _____ (Psalm 51:5)
 - Unborn are called _____ in Scripture (Luke 1:41)
 - Unborn babies are _____ by the law (Exodus 21:22-23)

3. A Culture of Death Comes in _____.

4. Having a Right is Different Than _____.

Romans 14:23—²³But if people have doubts about whether they should eat something, they shouldn’t eat it. They would be condemned for not acting in faith before God. If you do anything you believe is not right, you are sinning. (NLT)

5. Puzzling Problems are Often Clarified by _____.

Genesis 1:26-27—²⁶Then God said, “Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.” ²⁷So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. (NLT)

Deuteronomy 30:19-20a—¹⁹“Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and

curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! ²⁰You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life. . . (NLT)

6. God Blesses _____, not Arrogance.

Proverbs 24:11-12—¹¹Rescue those who are unjustly sentenced to die . . . ¹²Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look we didn't know." For God understands all hearts, and he sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve. (NLT)

7. God _____ and _____ Us from Every Sin.

Romans 7:24-8:2—^{7:24}What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death ^{7:25}Thank God! It has been done by Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free. ^{8:1}So there is now no condemnation awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus. ^{8:2}For the power of the life-giving Spirit—and this power is mine through Christ Jesus—has freed me from the vicious circle of sin and death. (NIV/TLB)

Action Steps . . .

- Value & voice God's values