IO DAY FAST THE INNOCENT

DAY FIVE · JULY 28 · SHERYL ALEXANDER

Good morning and welcome to our ten day fast. Today I'm going to be reading out of Proverbs 6:16-19. "There are six things that the Lord hates. Seven that are detestable to him. Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a man who stirs up dissension."

The topic today is hands that shed innocent blood. Today we're going to talk about abortion. I have a couple scriptures from the Bible that I want to read. Jeremiah 1:5. It says, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you before you were born I set you apart. I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

His word says that he knew before that baby was placed in his mama's womb that he knew them. It's not a mistake that those babies were placed there. He had a plan for them. And then Jeremiah 29:11 talks about "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you a future and a hope."

God has plans for those babies. And the enemy wants to take those plans and get rid of them. And that's why so many babies are being aborted. As a church, I feel like we need to rise up and go alongside these mothers and these families that are de-

ciding and even contemplating having an abortion,

to be there and just guide them through this, to speak truth into their lives.

I also want to read a scripture out of Romans 8 because if you've had an abortion, then you've asked Jesus to forgive you of that, there's no condemnation. In Romans 8:1 it says, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because through Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."

I want to encourage you today to be the voice for these little ones that are being aborted. We need to rise up and be that voice. We need to pray daily for truth to be shown to these ladies and help them make the right choice and show them that there is a future and a hope.

My prayer today is that, Lord, that you would give us your spirit, your truth. Help us to walk in that. Help us to be your hands and feet to portray that to the nation. Let us be bold and stand up for what your Word says. Lord, I ask that you would be with us.

Encourage us to go alongside these families and show them the truth, Lord. Show them what your word says, not what we're saying, but your word. I pray for those that may have had an abortion and that the enemy is trying to beat them up. Lord, I ask that you would take away that guilt and condemnation.

Let them know that you love them and that you are there to guide them. And as long as they ask for forgiveness, Lord, that there is no condemnation. Lord



be your hands and feet. Help us to stand for truth. Lord, I pray that everyone has a blessed day. In Jesus' name, amen.