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Bible in One Year 2023 with Nicky Gumbel - Youth



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PRAY FOR ONE FRIEND WHO DOES NOT KNOW JESUS EACH WEEK.

## **SHARING WITH**

SHARE THE GOSPEL, INVITE SOMEONE TO YOUTH, OR POST SOMETHING ABOUT JESUS ONLINE

## **CARING ABOUT**

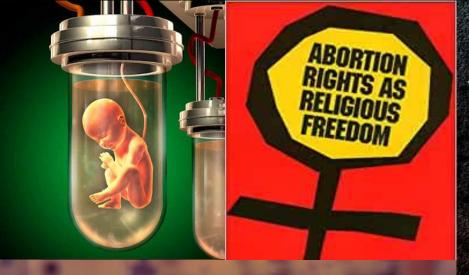
CARE FOR ONE FRIEND PER WEEK (CALL, GIVE, SHARE, LISTEN, OR ENCOURAGE).

# GOALS

### **SALVATION RESPONSE**

WITNESS AT LEAST ONE FRIEND COME TO KNOW JESUS THIS SCHOOL YEAR.





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## The Old Testament law commanded the death penalty for various acts:

- Murder (Exodus 21:12)
- Kidnapping (Exodus 21:16)
- Bestiality (Exodus 22:19)
- Adultery (Leviticus 20:10)
- Homosexuality (Leviticus 20:13)
- Being a false prophet (Deuteronomy 13:5)
- Prostitution and rape (Deuteronomy 22:24)

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God often showed mercy when the death penalty was due.

### How should a Christian view the death penalty?

- 1. We must remember that God has instituted capital punishment in His Word; therefore, it would be presumptuous of us to think that we could institute a higher standard. (Genesis 9:6)
- 2. We must recognize that God has given government the authority to determine when capital punishment is due. (Romans 13:1-7)

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The first step is to gather biblical texts that show that creating human babies is decisively God's work, not man's.

No baby decides if he or she is human. No parent decides if their baby is human. No sperm donor, egg donor, or womb donor decides if the baby is human. No doctor, who's putting all the pieces together, decides if this baby is human.

Well, who does? God does.

### Psalm 139:13-14

"You formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" — that is, made by God.

### Job 10:11-12

Job says to God, "You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. You have granted me life and steadfast love."

### Job 31:13-15

"If I have rejected the cause of my manservant or my maidservant, when they brought a complaint against me, what then shall I do when God rises up? When he makes inquiry, what shall I answer him? Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?"

### **Psalm 71:6**

"Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you."



Humans contribute genetic material, but God makes the union of egg and sperm the living, eternal human soul. Amazing.



"If God really creates a human soul that once did not exist, and now exists forever as a person, then doing this Godlike thing — through natural or unnatural, good or bad, sinful or un-sinful ways of uniting egg and sperm — is a piece of cake.

It's relatively easy. I mean, creating a human being is the great glory and mystery. The how is relatively unimportant when it comes to whether God can do it or not."

The only problem would be if the union is unbiblical or goes against God's plan for marriage.



## We live in what is sometimes described as a "culture of death."

- Abortion on demand has been practiced for decades.
- Euthanasia is promoted as a viable means of solving various social and financial problems.
- This focus on death as an answer to the world's problems is a total reversal of the biblical model.
  - Death is an enemy (1 Corinthians 15:26)
  - Life is a sacred gift from God (Genesis 2:7)



## God alone is sovereign over when and how a person's death occurs.

### Job 30:23

"I know you will bring me down to death, to the place appointed for all the living."

#### **Ecclesiastes 8:8**

"No man has power over the wind to contain it; so no one has power over the day of his death."

God has the final say over death (Hebrews 2:9, 14–15)

Euthanasia and assisted suicide are man's attempts to usurp that authority from God.

# Contraception, by definition, is merely the opposite of conception. It is not the use of contraception that is wrong or right.

- Married couples use contraception for a variety of reasons.
- Some feel called to put off childbearing until they are in a better position to care for children.
- Some, such as missionary couples, may feel their service to God overrides the desire for children at a particular point in time.
- Some may be convinced that God has a different plan for them.

Ultimately, a couple's motives for delaying childbearing, using contraception, or even having children, are between them and God.

#### **BUT**

If birth control is being used so two unwed people can have sexual intercourse this would be sin. Not the birth control but the sexual intercourse.

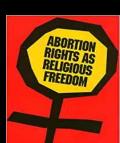


### **ABORTION**

What does the Bible say about abortion?

Simply put, abortion is murder.

It is the killing of a human being created in the image of God.



### **ARGUMENTS**

What about rape or incest? (the 1%) What about if the mother's life is at risk? (the 1%)

For those who have had an abortion, remember that the sin of abortion is no less forgivable than any other sin. Through faith in Christ, all sins can be forgiven, A woman who has had an abortion, a man who has encouraged an abortion, and a doctor who has performed an abortion—all can be forgiven by faith in Jesus Christ.



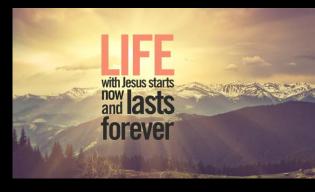




## ONLY WAY TO WIN







### **DISCUSSION**

- 1. Which issue do you struggle agreeing with the biblical truth the most about?
- 2. What makes it difficult to believe the biblical truth?
- 3. If you believe the biblical truth, how would you approach the issue with your friends who might think differently from you?

### PRAY FOR EACH OTHER!