

Theme: God has a heart of compassion towards crisis pregnancies, both for the unborn child and the woman.

I. Intro – God’s Heart for The Outcast

- A. Trying to learn about God’s heart for outcast
- B. Looking at Bible – people on the fringe, trouble
- C. What is God’s heart? What is His call?
- D. God’s heart in crisis pregnancies
- E. God’s heart for the child
- F. God’s heart for the woman

II. A Call For Mercy: Rescue the Vulnerable

- A. Two parallel phrases in vs 11
 - 1. Rescue those being led away to death
 - 2. Hold back those staggering toward slaughter
- B. We are commanded to rescue the helpless
 - 1. This is a command to help the helpless
 - 2. We can not sit by and watch
- C. A common command (Ps 82:3-4; 72:12-14)
 - 1. Ps 82:3-4 – Defend, maintain rights, deliver
 - 2. Ps 72:12-14 – King has mercy, delivers
- D. How this has been applied in church history
 - 1. Taking in exposed children

- 2. Nursing sick during epidemics
- 3. Struggle against slavery
- 4. Protecting Jews from Nazis
- 5. Assisting after natural disasters
- 6. Helping in crisis pregnancy

III. A Warning From the Judge: I Am Watching

- A. Three metaphors from the judge
 - 1. He weighs the heart on scales of justice
 - 2. He guards the life - a judge giving protection
 - 3. He repays for works – passes sentence
- B. The point: God is watching; we have no excuses
 - 1. We do know the truth
 - 2. We have been helped and protected by God
 - 3. We must help and protect others

IV. The Potential Victims In A Crisis Pregnancy

- A. The first victim – the unborn baby
 - 1. Major milestones
 - a. Heartbeat at 18 days
 - b. Brainwaves – 6 weeks
 - c. Grasp object in palm – 9 weeks’

- d. Fingerprints – 14 weeks
- 2. God and the unborn child
 - a. Ps 139:13; Ps 51:5; Jer 1:5; Lk 1
 - b. Logic – when else become human?
- 3. Abortion – murder of a human being
- B. The second victim – the mother
 - 1. Often pulled on all sides – no support
 - 2. Loss of income, school, dreams
 - 3. Sometimes rejected by friends and church
 - 4. The need for Gabriel Network - testimony

V. Applying the Word

- A. Do we see the importance of this issue?
 - 1. Like many of you, I tire of political bickering
 - 2. This is not politics – it is ethics & morality
 - 3. Scripture, science, logic clear – unborn are fully human
 - 4. This is NOT a “profoundly difficult issue”
- B. The Gospel and forgiveness for abortion - KEY
- C. Are we involved in rescuing the vulnerable?
 - 1. Pray regarding this issue
 - 2. Talk with others as the chance arises

- 3. Political involvement
- 4. Help Gabriel network – finance & volunteer
- 5. Work at a crisis pregnancy center or RTL
- 6. Adoption
- D. Love offering and prayer

God's Heart for Crisis Pregnancies

Proverbs 24:11-12

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Prayer for Gabriel Network (Natasha)

Numbers 6:24-26

³ Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. ⁴ Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked. Psalm 82:3-4

¹² For he will deliver the needy who cry out, the afflicted who have no one to help. ¹³ He will take pity on the weak and the needy and save the needy from death. ¹⁴ He will rescue them from oppression and violence, for precious is their blood in his sight. Psalm 72:12-14

Some major milestones

- Heartbeat – 18 days
- Brainwaves – 6 weeks
- Grasp object in palm – 9 weeks
- Fingerprints – 14 weeks

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Psalm 51:5

⁵ 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. Jeremiah 1:5