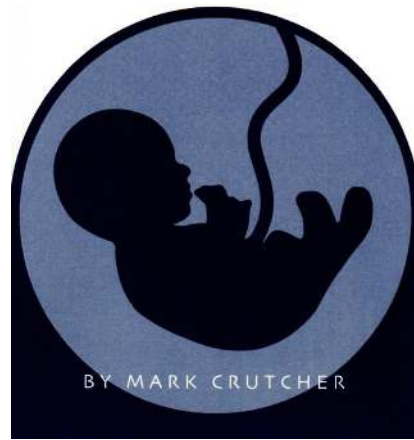


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A LETTER TO THE
PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT



At the beginning of the classic Christmas movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*, George Bailey stood on the snow covered bridge preparing to jump into the icy river below.

He had convinced himself that his life counted for nothing and was no longer worth living. But as he was about to jump, he was visited by Clarence – an angel who showed him all the ways he had made life better for his family, his friends and those in his small hometown.

By the end of the movie, George realized that his only real mistake was that he was letting his life be defined by its failures.

That same mistake is often made by the pro-life movement.

It happens when our people think about the fact that, after all these years and despite all our efforts, thousands of unborn babies are still being killed every day – with no end in sight. This leads some of them to doubt that we've accomplished very much and others to fear that we may be fighting a battle we can't win.

On the surface, this sort of despair might seem justified, but when you look closer a different picture emerges. For example, in 1992 there were more than 2,100 abortion clinics in America. Today, there are fewer than 600 and most of them are gasping for air. But you can be assured that if the pro-life movement had never existed, that there would be abortion clinics in every mall and shopping center in the country. And that is only the beginning. If there had never been a pro-life movement...

- The unborn would be politically invisible and their right to life would not even be discussed
- It would be common for high schools and universities to have a portion clinics on site
- Abortion would be the default position for every unplanned pregnancy
- There would be no crisis pregnancy centers
- Abortion would be the recognized medical “treatment” for every baby diagnosed as less than perfect
- It would be standard procedure for babies of the “undesired” gender to be aborted
- No one would object to aborted babies being chopped up and sold for spare parts or used in ghastly medical experiments

- Euthanasia would be the expected medical response to babies born alive after botched abortions
- Every abortion would be paid for with tax dollars
- Every member of the medical community would be required to participate in the portions
- Public opinion would not be shifting toward the pro-life position
- Minorities and young people would not be coming into the pro-life movement at a rate never seen before

That list goes on and on, and the message is clear: had it not been for the pro-life movement, America would have long ago devolved into a country where the killing of an unborn child has no more moral significance than the pulling of a decayed tooth.

If you doubt that's true, consider what took place in the Soviet Union. After it became the first industrialized nation in the world to legalize abortion, all organized opposition to abortion was banned by the government.

Decades later, researchers found that Soviet women were having an average of nine abortions. Another study documented that 90% of all first pregnancies and 60% of all subsequent pregnancies were legally aborted, and many others ended in illegal or unreported abortions.

As for the United States, when we had over 2,100 abortion clinics, our abortion rate was more than 5,000 a day and going up; now it is less than 3,000 a day and dropping.

There is no denying that 3,000 babies still being killed every day is a national disgrace, and it tells us that we still have a long way to go. But to be little or ignore the accomplishments of the pro-life movement is pure nonsense. He expects us to believe that the abortion rate plummeted for some mysterious reason that had nothing to do with the pro-life movement, and it dismisses millions of babies saved by our efforts as if they don't count.

The fact is, the Soviet Union was a prototype for what happens in any country where the abortion industry is allowed to operate without opposition or restraint. If not for the pro-life movement, that pattern would've been repeated in the United States.

In that case, our abortion rate would not have gone from 5,000 a day to 3,000; it would've gone from 5,000 a day to 10,000 – or who knows how many. So today we would not be standing on the graves of 65 million dead babies, but 150 million, or 250 million, or again, who knows how many. Think about that the next time you hear someone question whether the pro-life movement is blood, sweat and tears have bought anything.

It is understandable that the pro-life community would, from time to time, become discouraged. This is a brutal life and death struggle against odds that often seem overwhelming. In addition, we have to fight this battle in a world where we are routinely lied to and lied about, and stabbed in the back by those we trusted.

In such an environment it is easy to become fixated on our failures and mistakes. But falling into that trap is the biggest mistake of all. It not only distracts us from the battle, it also hides from us the fact that we have already saved millions of babies and we save thousands more every day. And yes, that is a fact.

The point is, our movement's past is riddled with failures, and it would be unrealistic to think that there won't be more of them in our future. No one ever said that this would be easy.

The good news is, in order to win we do not have to be perfect; we have to be faithful. Remember, God told us that the gates of hell would not prevail against those who follow him. If we will just accept that promise as the source of our strengths and our resolve, victory is assured. After all, if the front door of an abortion clinic is not a gate into hell, then hell does not even exist.

Going forward, we need to never forget that this is not a war between the pro-life movement and the abortion lobby; it is a war between the abortion lobby and the unborn. You and I are just soldiers who signed up to fight on the side of the unborn. It is a pact we voluntarily entered and it meant we would be the only thing standing between those children and the ruthless savages in the abortion lobby.

That commitment remains in place today, and to honor it we have to make certain that what we lack in perfection we make up for in perseverance.

And that is exactly what we are going to do! Our movement can be criticized for many things, but we have never, and will never, run away from the sacrifices that must be made, or the burdens that must be borne, or the obstacles that must be overcome.

So wherever God places us on the battlefield, and whatever role he assigns us, we will do our duty, storm the gates, and trust him to deliver the victory. In the meantime, we will not let Satan rub our noses in our failures, and we will not follow him onto any snow covered bridges.

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