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ABORTION AND SLAVERY

Parallel Missions Protecting Life

By: Bradley Mattes, MBS

Throughout the history of the pro-life movement, an analogy can be drawn between the movements to end abortion and slavery. The most notable work is Dr. Willke's book *Abortion and Slavery History Repeats*. This analysis bears repeating here with added updates. Though space only permits a basic list of comparisons without some of the rich history behind it.

During its peak, there were approximately four-million slaves in the United States. In the slave states, roughly one in four owned slaves.¹ Today in America, about one in four pregnancies end in abortion.

When drafted in 1787, the US Constitution embedded slavery into the fabric of society. Article I, Section 2, stated for the purpose of determining congressional representation that slaves constituted only "three fifths of all other Persons." This essentially guaranteed that pro-slavery forces would control Congress and the presidency until the Civil War.

Of course pro-abortion forces don't have the Constitution on their side, but they do control the media, academia

and much of the government bureaucracy, which gives them power beyond their numbers.

Another constitutional blow to the abolitionists was the US Supreme Court *Dred Scott* decision. Like *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, it superseded all state laws on the matter. In several ways *Dred Scott* mirrors *Roe* in the way it affected its victims. *Dred Scott* of 1857 was a 7-2 decision. *Roe v. Wade* of 1973 was a 7-2 decision. *Dred Scott* said Blacks were nonpersons. *Roe* said unborn babies were nonpersons. *Dred Scott* declared Blacks were the property of their owner. *Roe* declared the unborn were the property of their mother. Under *Dred Scott*, owners could choose to buy, sell or under most circumstances kill their property. *Roe* gave the same right to mothers to keep or under most circumstances kill (abort) their unborn babies. *Dred Scott* told the abolitionists they could not impose their morality on the slave owner. *Roe* said the same thing to pro-lifers—don't impose your morality on the mothers. Under *Dred Scott*, slavery was legal. Under *Roe* and its

companion case, *Bolton*, abortion is legal.

In the wake of the Supreme Court decision, pro-slavery activists declared their right to "choose" to own slaves. Pro-abortion activists, after *Roe*, declared their right to "choose" to abort the baby.

"Human rights," said a slavery advocate, "in society are relative, not absolute, and every living creature should be entrusted with just so much liberty as is for the general good and no more."² Today liberals say the Constitution is a "living document" that evolves to be relevant for the "common good."

Dehumanizing the slaves was necessary so that society would not sympathize with them. They were "treated as 'livestock,' their children called 'increase,' their mothers 'breeders,' the men 'drivers.'"³ Abortion advocates did the same to unborn children, calling them a "fetus, glob of tissue or product of pregnancy."

Not only were slaves whipped, beaten or imprisoned for the least or imagined infraction, they were branded and their ears clipped for identification of their "property." Unborn babies also



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The reality is that abortion remains a big money maker for Planned Parenthood. In 2012, abortions accounted for 93.8% of Planned Parenthood's pregnancy services. That year, they committed 327,166 abortions. At an estimated average cost of \$520 per abortion, Planned Parenthood brought in over \$170 million in abortion income.

Aside of the abortion business, Planned Parenthood also prides itself on reducing unplanned pregnancy, particularly among teens. Is there data to support that claim? According to a study by STOPP (Stop Planned Parenthood), access to Planned Parenthood does not correlate to a reduction in teen pregnancy. The research showed that Planned Parenthood closed all of its facilities in the Texas panhandle from 1999-2008. The teen pregnancy rate actually declined 42% from 41.5 pregnancies per thousand teens in 1998 to 24.1 in 2010 (Statistics from the Texas Department of State Health Services). The evidence shows that Planned Parenthood's presence actually contributed to teen pregnancy rather than preventing it.

So, why do we continue to funnel money to a group that's serving less clientele, offering minimal services, not meeting women's needs and failing to achieve its primary objectives? One thing Planned Parenthood has been successful at is marketing itself as the leading women's healthcare provider. They presume to be the only one that can care for the young, poor and uninsured. The Planned Parenthood PR machine alleges that millions of women will be left without crucial healthcare if not for Planned Parenthood. And they use that scare tactic to justify hundreds of millions of dollars in taxpayer funding.

Where will women turn if Planned Parenthood's doors are closed? There are more options than you probably realize. In Ohio alone, over 600 centers provide free or low-cost care. These centers served half a million people in a given year, which is five times more than the number Planned Parenthood claims to have served. To that, add in 125 pro-life women help centers who offer a variety of pregnancy support services. Other provid-

ers include Community Action Agencies, free clinics, local health departments and statewide hospitals.

These services are available nationwide. According to the National Association of Community Health Centers, just their affiliated centers serve the primary healthcare needs in more than 9,000 locations across America. They offer affordable health services for the uninsured, working poor and jobless. Community Health Centers provide preventive care checkups, treatment for illness, immunizations and health screenings for diabetes, cancer and HIV/AIDS. Auxiliary services include dental care, mental health treatment and prescription drugs. In addition, they have comprehensive care throughout pregnancy. Imagine the lives that could be saved if more women knew about this option.

Pro-life pregnancy help centers are also supported by national networks. Heartbeat International reaches out to those who are abortion vulnerable through over 1,800 affiliates. They equip pregnancy help centers with the resources to launch an effective program. Care Net supports more than 1,100 pregnancy help centers across North America. They train individuals how to offer compassionate support and information about the options when a woman is facing a pregnancy decision. With 1,300 affiliates, The National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) offers pregnancy help centers legal counsel, education and training. It also assists the centers to successfully become licensed medical clinics giving them more opportunity to reach abortion-minded patients. Each of these organizations is helping to plant life-affirming centers across the country.

Planned Parenthood doesn't want the public to know there are options in women's healthcare. They want to have a perceived monopoly. They want to maintain a system that allows them to continue fueling their abortion business. And they want to keep the taxpayer funding flowing. It's time we bring that to an abrupt end. Please support state and federal efforts to end tax funding of America's largest chain of abortion mills. 

Planned Parenthood will never admit that they're in the abortion business. As long as they maintain the facade of a "women's healthcare organization," they are literally raking in substantive perks.

Many of these benefits come on the taxpayer's dollar. In fiscal year ending June 30, 2013, Planned Parenthood's annual report states they received over \$540 million in government funding, nearly half the total annual revenue. To put that in perspective, they take in \$1.5 million in taxpayer money per day.

Planned Parenthood would have you believe that those dollars fund more women's health services. That's simply not the case. While the amount of their government funding has jumped by 49% in five years, total services have actually decreased. Cancer screenings fell by 38.7% during that same time period. Most telling was a sharp drop in prenatal services—a 31.97% decrease within just a one-year time period. Fewer women are being served, while Planned Parenthood's abortion numbers remain at its highest levels.

In addition, during 2012, Planned Parenthood closed 37 facilities. It was the seventh straight year of decline. Many of these were strategic mergers and consolidation of locations. However, the number of affiliates performing abortions has increased every year since 2005. In fact, Planned Parenthood reportedly now requires every affiliate have at least one location that performs either chemical or surgical abortions. Note, they don't require affiliates to provide mammograms (none of them do), but they must provide abortions. This is very revealing about where Planned Parenthood's priorities truly lie—not with women's health, but with abortion-on-demand.

suffered inhumane acts. They have been dismembered, had their brains suctioned out or were left alone to slowly die if they survived the abortion because their mother no longer wanted her “property.”

Slavery advocates promoted the idea that slavery was good because it was sanctioned by the nation’s highest court. A counter argument from David Barrow lamented the “strange doctrine of the Christian church that forbids ministers to condemn sin simply because it is authorized by the government.”²⁴ Millions of Americans tragically believe abortion is okay just because it is legal.

In spite of *Dred Scott*, nearly all abolitionist leaders “never denied the authority of the Supreme Court. They... flatly and totally denounced the correctness of the decision. As Gerrit Smith said, ‘I deny that decisions of any, even the highest earthly tribunal, against fundamental unchangeable, internal human rights are ever, even for a moment, to be regarded as final and unalterable.’”²⁵ A vast majority of the pro-life movement is following the same respectful posture.

The abolitionist movement began to gain ground in the early part of the 19th century, but the invention of the cotton gin greatly expanded cotton production and the demand for slaves.

Money replaced morality as the key influence on those passing laws, and slavery expanded. Money is the motivating factor in the abortion industry. Planned Parenthood sets abortion quotas for each facility and reprimands those who fall short of the goal. Blood money is blood money.

Regarding the radical nature of those who promote slavery, Abraham Lincoln wrote, “The question recurs, what will satisfy them? This and this only: cease to call slavery wrong and join them in calling it right. And this must be done thoroughly—done in acts as well as in words. Silence will not be tolerated—we must place ourselves avowedly with them. Holding as they do, that slavery is

morally right and socially elevating...”²⁶ How similar this is to describing those who advocate for abortion-on-demand. Even our right to not participate in or fund abortion is now in question.

Theodore Weld from Ohio was recognized as one of the most effective public speakers in America on the evils of slavery. The pro-life movement fared well with another Ohioan who was a gifted speaker. Dr. Willke, along with his wife Barbara, became the most popular and sought after speakers on abortion.

Some of the most effective speakers were former slave owners like James Birney who provided added credibility to the abolitionists’ message. In the same way, women and men who have in the past chosen abortion are often the babies’ most effective ambassadors. Their stories of pain and regret cannot be denied and they add a greater level of credibility to the need to end abortion.

It’s no surprise that churches in the time of slavery had opposing views, some even took strong stands on both sides, depending upon the prevailing political climate. The Charleston Baptist Association, in 1835, told the South Carolina legislature that they “do not consider that the Holy Scriptures have made the fact of slavery a question of morals at all...The question, it is believed, is purely one of the political economy.”²⁷ The Quakers were the only church body that totally and consistently opposed slavery. Sadly, while many church bodies today voice strong opposition to legal abortion, the Quakers have remained silent. Churches were then and are now effective forums for spreading the message. Just like slavery, the issue of abortion is far bigger than any single church or denomination.

The Anti-Slavery Society was the major abolition organization. It had individual chapters that retained a large degree of autonomy. Both the Society and its chapters published, lectured and trained others. In the day, Ohio was the epicenter for anti-slavery activities. The same can be said about Ohio and the abortion issue.

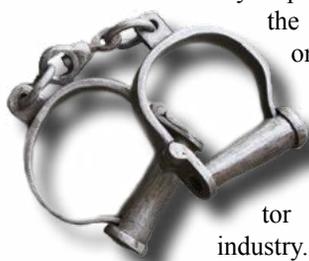
The grassroots anti-slavery movement increased pressure on state and local officials in both political parties. They aided fugitive slaves and were participants in an endless battle for civil

rights. Early in the pro-life movement, National Right to Life was the prominent grassroots pro-life organization, structured in a nearly identical fashion like the Society. As with the abolitionist movement, other pro-life organizations formed to create a massive, mostly all volunteer force for human justice.

Education was perhaps the most powerful tool of the abolitionists. Theodore Weld, in May of 1838, married Angelina Grimke—a well-known abolitionist in her own right. Together, they wrote what became a great classic of the anti-slavery movement, *American Slavery, As It Is*. It was a well-written and solidly-documented “encyclopedia of facts.” It presented slavery to the reader with all its horrors and indignities. One of the things that made this publication stand out was the authors understood the power and persuasion of images. They included drawings and pictures that graphically depicted why slavery was such a scourge on society.

The pro-life counterpart is strikingly similar. Written by the “parents” of the pro-life movement, Jack Willke, MD and his wife Barbara Willke, RN, the book titled, *Handbook on Abortion*, became a classic educational tool and was called the “bible” on abortion. Its question and answer format with documentation has equipped millions of pro-lifers to advocate for innocent human life. Dr. and

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Mrs. Willke pioneered the idea of showing graphic images of what abortion does to babies, as well as beautiful pictures of babies within the womb. The Willkes knew that the audience may not remember what they told them, but they would remember the pictures.

One of the common phrases used by abolitionists was taken from the Declaration of Independence. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, and that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." Sound familiar?

Petitions were a consistent and popular tool for the masses to urge Congress to end slavery. During the historic 1990 *Rally for Life* in Washington, DC, I presented a larger-than-life-sized petition to Congressman Henry Hyde, representing well over one-million signatures of Americans asking Congress to end the slaughter of babies through abortion.

The political landscape was eerily similar during both times in history. Back then it was the Republicans who campaigned on and worked to end slavery. Now again the Republican Party is on the side of human justice and against abortion. This is a radical contradiction to the National Democrat Party's platform of abortion-on-demand throughout pregnancy, funded by the government. And of course today like yesteryear we have politicians who are personally opposed to abortion, but would not interfere with "a woman's right to choose." During the 1858 Lincoln/Douglas presidential debate, Douglas reiterated he was not pro-slavery, but supported the *Dred Scott* Supreme Court decision allowing slavery.

Like today, single issue advocacy and voting was alive and well in the

1800s. Theodore Weld wrote, "The sin of slavery in this country...overshadows all others, but involves all others, and absorbs them into itself. It is my deliberate conviction that revivals, moral reforms, etc., must and will remain stationary until the temple is cleansed."

During society's great debate over slavery, there were those who passionately defended it. Robert E Lee wrote in 1856, "The blacks are immeasurably better off here than in Africa, morally, physically and socially."⁸ Obviously, General Lee and Democratic Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi both suffer from an appalling lack of moral compass. Referring to late-term abortion she said, "As a practicing and respectful Catholic, this is sacred ground to me."⁹

The abolitionists had their own internal problems. "In 1840, William Lloyd Garrison stacked a meeting of the American Anti-Slavery Society in Boston and succeeded in gaining control of the Society. The core group of leaders resigned as a body from the old group, immediately moved to New York and organized the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society."¹⁰ Ironically, Dr. Willke was to face a similar situation in his efforts to end abortion. As the number of pro-life organizations proliferated, turf battles and professional jealousies generated their own infighting.

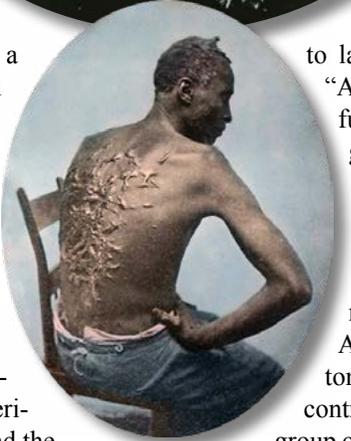
Black abolitionist leaders provided an invaluable contribution to ending slavery. "A partial list would include David Walker, who wrote *Appeal*; the poet, George Moses Horton; the insurrectionist, Nat Turner; the prominent lecturer, Sojourner Truth; lecturers and writers, Fredrick Douglas and Henry Garnet; and the great Harriet Tubman, who helped so many escape through the underground railway."¹¹

Today Life Issues Institute's staff includes Rev. Arnold Culbreath, director

of Protecting Black Life. He and Dr. Alveda King, niece of Martin Luther King, Jr., have joined with other talented black leaders to form the National Black Pro-Life Coalition. Their collective contribution in its relatively early stages has already been substantial.

It's shocking but true that there were actually black slaveholders. In 1830 there were 3,775 in southern states who collectively owned over 12,000 slaves.¹² A dark parallel can be made with Planned Parenthood that targets minorities for extermination through abortion and was once led by Faye Wattleton, a black woman.

Lowell Dumond authored a book called *Anti-Slavery*. In it he wrote, "Slavery was a deadly virus which twisted and distorted intellectual processes, social attitudes and religious philosophy. It contaminated everything it touched." Great minds possibly? At the close of my lectures and speeches I often compare abortion with cancer, saying it maims and kills everything and everyone it touches. It's time to end the civil injustice of abortion. May history look back and call us faithful until victory. 🌀



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ROLL CALL

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LaKisha Wilson

This spring, I stood solemnly outside the Preterm abortion facility in Cleveland, Ohio. I was there because abortion had claimed yet another victim. At this press conference, pro-lifers came to commemorate the life of 22-year-old LaKisha Wilson, who died following a botched late-term abortion. And sadly, she is not alone.

A growing list of young, Black women walk through the doors of abortion mills every day. But not all of them walk out. The following names represent the lives of African-American women who have been killed by abortion since 2000.

1. **Semika Shaw, 2000** – age 22, mother of two, killed by abortion in W. Philadelphia, PA.
2. **Tamiia Russell, 2004** – age 15, died after a second-trimester abortion near Detroit, MI.
3. **Denise Crowe, 2006** – age 21, mother of one, died following an abortion at 16 weeks.
4. **Laura Hope Smith, 2007** – age 22, died from abortion in Hyannis, MA.
5. **Edrica Goode, 2007** – age 21, died due to negligent care during an abortion at Planned Parenthood in Los Angeles.
6. **Sherika Mayo, 2008** – age 23, died after an abortion at 25 weeks.
7. **Antonessa Ross, 2009** – age 18, mother of two, died from abortion at 13 weeks pregnant.
8. **Tonya Reaves, 2012** – age 24, identical twin, mother of one. Planned Parenthood of Illinois was sued for wrongful death after she was killed by abortion.
9. **LaKisha Wilson, 2014** – age 22, mother of one, lost her life after

a botched late-term abortion in Cleveland, OH.

This “roll call” is a record of young, Black women who’ve been killed and it’s only a partial list. There are hundreds of women of various ethnicities who have died because of abortion. These women are our daughters, mothers, sisters, church members and friends. But to the abortion industry, they are prime targets.

These nine African-American women who lost their lives represent the segment of society central to the abortion business. While Blacks make up only 12.6% of the population, they receive an estimated 30% of all abortions. Black women have abortions at a rate 3.4 times higher than White women. The abortion industry knows this and that’s why they’re setting up shop in minority neighborhoods across the country.

Planned Parenthood is America’s largest abortion provider. Recent research by *Protecting Black Life* reveals 62% of Planned Parenthood’s surgical abortion facilities are located within walking distance (2-mile radius) of Black neighborhoods. In many cases, the saturation of minorities in the area is overwhelming. For example, in Cincinnati, OH, Planned Parenthood is located near neighborhoods that are up to 95% Black, even though the surrounding county is only 25.7% Black.

Unfortunately, these nine women didn’t know the odds were stacked against them. But consider how many like them are being targeted as prime abortion customers. Women deserve to know the truth. To help mobilize our communities, *Protecting Black Life* has developed three new resources to communicate this critical message.

- *What You Need to Know About Abortion, Planned Parenthood and the Black Community* is an informative brochure that exposes Planned Parenthood’s targeting of minorities. Although this brochure was developed with minority clients of Pregnancy Help Centers in mind, it is versatile enough to share this crucial information with anyone.

- Designed specifically for Pregnancy Center Educators, *Targeted for Abortion: Planned Parenthood’s Deadly Strategy for Minorities* is a thorough pamphlet intended to serve as a guide when educating minority clients without overwhelming them. Step-by-step, it advises educators how to easily walk clients through the statistics and research. It is to be used in conjunction with the *What You Need to Know* brochure.

- We believe churches should be equipped to make a difference for life. *God’s Church – A Mighty Voice for Life* is a user-friendly brochure full of verifiable facts and inspirational scriptures. It’s a practical resource that pastors, priests, ministers and church members can use to reach out with both crucial information and spiritual affirmation.

Each of these resources is available at www.protectingblacklife.org or by calling 513.729.3600.

It is likely that minority communities will continue to be devastated by the abortion industry until we become aware of this aggressive targeting of our unborn. Please join with me as we fight for the lives of both the babies and their mothers. 🌟

Facing Life Head-On Wins Two Telly Awards

The 35th Annual Telly Awards has named *Facing Life Head-On* television program the winner of two Bronze Telly Awards for the episode entitled, “The Widows of Ethiopia.” The awards were granted in the categories of Cultural TV Program and Social Responsibility TV Program.

“The Widows of Ethiopia” is both an informative and emotional journey that follows the lives of impoverished and abandoned widows who are sponsored through Adoption Ministry 1:27 (an outreach of the Ethiopian Youth with a Mission).

Host and Executive Producer, Brad Mattes, stated, “We strive to share life-affirming stories that change lives through *Facing Life Head-On*. ‘Widows of Ethiopia’ demonstrates the care for the most vulnerable of humanity that exists throughout



the world. It is an honor to accept these Telly Awards, which is a testament to the quality of our programming as it is recognized for excellence by accomplished leaders in the industry.”

Watch “The Widows of Ethiopia” (Season 6, Episode 22) at www.facinglife.tv. 🌟

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of abortion. We must instead provide for her needs, love her and nurture her.

It is an understatement to say the issue of rape and pregnancy is volatile, but what’s indisputable is the knowledge of those who’ve experienced it firsthand. We’ve produced two TV programs and a radio special on the topic that can be valuable resources. Visit the *Facing Life Head-On* website at www.facinglife.tv to watch the poignant programs: “Abortion: The Rape I Consented To” (Season 3, Episode 8) and “Conceived in Rape” (Season 6, Episode 10). You may also listen to the moving radio special, “A Choice to Love,” on our website at: www.lifeissues.org/specials/SOL_13/index.html

As pro-lifers, rape and pregnancy can sometimes feel like an overwhelming subject to effectively address. However, we cannot afford to stay silent when these innocent lives are being viciously targeted. We must be a voice of LIFE for the child and the mother—we must love them both. 🌟

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CONFRONTING THE CONTROVERSY OF RAPE AND PREGNANCY

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BRADLEY MATTES



According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, approximately 1 out of every 6 American women has been the victim of an attempted or completed rape in her lifetime.¹ It is appalling to consider the millions of women who have been victimized. And if a woman becomes pregnant, her trauma will be multiplied as she is confronted with overwhelming pressure to abort her unborn child. This is an added assault on her humanity.

There has been a history of sharp controversy when it comes to the subject of rape and pregnancy. The 2012 election cycle erupted over the issue and resulted in an aggressive attack against pro-life candidates. Dr. Willke was drawn into the center of this firestorm when an article he wrote in 1999 became the focus of media scrutiny and was used to discredit the candidates and Dr. Willke himself. In it he explained multiple reasons why the occurrence of pregnancy following an assault rape is rare. He cites one reason a rape victim rarely gets pregnant is physical trauma. The stress and emotional factors can upset a woman's hormonal balance, which can potentially impact ovulation, fertilization, implantation and nurturing of a pregnancy.

The media was quick to attack and manipulate the context of his writing by claiming he was saying that women could not get pregnant during rape. The *New York Times* stated, "to suggest that there's some biological reason why women couldn't get pregnant during a rape is absurd."² The *L.A. Times* called it a "bogus rape theory."³ An article from *The Daily Beast* referred to Dr. Willke's claims as "junk science."⁴ And the egregious

Jezebel website stated, "Dr. Willke legitimately believes that ladies have magical parts that can be controlled by their witch minds. The man's a quack."⁵ The media readily sought to discredit Dr. Willke, targeted only because of his pro-life ideology. However, their hyperbolae were not supported by facts. There is a documented link between stress and the likelihood to conceive.

It was not possible to have a reasoned discussion on the scientific facts related to this controversy while the media was in a frenzied attack. Now, outside the context of an election cycle, I'd like to present the prevailing consensus from the scientific community on this controversial topic.

Although no study specifically addresses rape and fertility, there are several that confirm there is a relationship between stress and infertility. Ironically, two of these studies were published in the *New York Times*. One measured the levels of the enzyme alpha-amylase, a biological indicator of stress, and found that women with higher levels took longer to become pregnant. Dr. Sarah Berga, head of obstetrics and gynecology at Emory University, stated, "The surprising finding was that even low levels of stress can have an impact on conception."⁶ Dr. Alice D. Domar is the director of mind-body services at a Boston fertility center. She affirms the link between stress and infertility, "If you're really stressed out and

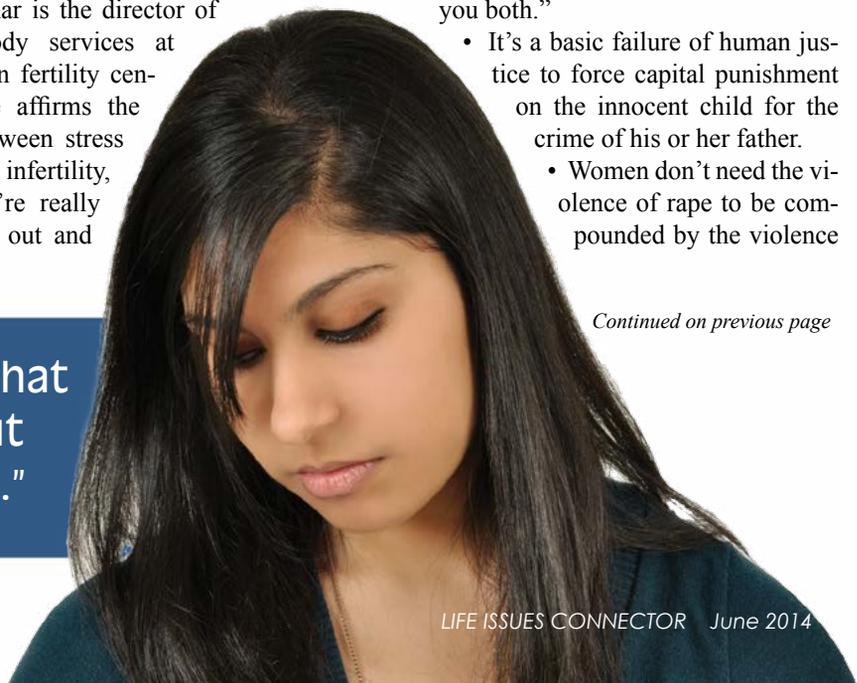
depressed, the body seems to sense that's not a good time to get pregnant."⁷ A study from Emory University School of Medicine researched the impact of stress on ovulation and concluded, "Stress is one of the most common and most commonly underappreciated causes of infertility and reproductive compromise in men and women."⁸ We've compiled a list of multiple studies at our website that confirm Dr. Willke's assertion that stress can influence the likelihood of conception. (To view the studies, please visit www.lifeissues.org, and select Rape/Incest from the Issues tab.)

Why is the occurrence of pregnancy following rape such a subject of dissent? Pro-abortion advocates use rape as one of their primary justifications for abortion. It's unthinkable to them that any woman would choose to carry a child conceived in rape.

It must be acknowledged that rape is a horrific trauma, but abortion is not the solution. Our response should be one of loving, compassionate support and affirmation of the value of both the mother and her baby.

- We reach out to every woman faced with a pregnancy after rape and say, "Your life and the life of your baby are both important. We want to love you both."
- It's a basic failure of human justice to force capital punishment on the innocent child for the crime of his or her father.
- Women don't need the violence of rape to be compounded by the violence

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States Exchange - A Rally Cry for Churches

In the battle of abortion, it's critical to equip the church to be one of the greatest allies of the pro-life cause. They have a unique ability to minister to women and men who are suffering from the aftermath of abortion. However, the voice of the church can be silenced by fears of controversy, judgment and politics. The innovative, yet practical, book, *Is There Not A Cause?* helps churches overcome these obstacles and assist individuals in healing from the pain of abortion.

Is There Not A Cause? is a worthwhile resource that dispels the biggest myths surrounding the abortion issue. Opening with a parallel to the story of David and Goliath, church leaders are introduced to the significance of the church's role as one of courage and action. Understanding our enemy is also key; and a thorough history of the abortion giant Planned Parenthood is provided. Author, Sheila Harper, tackles how pro-abortion activists have politicized abortion and explains how the church can reclaim the moral ground on the issue. Through scripture and engaging stories, it describes how to change complacency into conviction. Overall, it presents pastors with a tangible course of action to effectively address abortion and spiritually heal those in their congregations affected by this sin.

Sheila personally shares the impact that comes through healing from abortion, "Men and women who are set free from

the bondage abortion brings will be the greatest witnesses against this gruesome, horrific battle." It's imperative that churches realize they play a crucial role in ministering to the victims of abortion and this book opens their eyes to the need.

Is There Not A Cause? is available for purchase online in the SaveOne store at www.saveone.org. 

