

Life begins at the moment of conception. God is the giver of life. He did not create life just for people to destroy it. Life is meant to be lived if only it is allowed to shine. Even life smaller than a grain of rice is meant to shine. We must let life shine.

As a mother makes healthy pregnancy choices, life shines through mom's pregnancy glow. As the baby continues to grow, life shines through the mama's growing belly. In the last few weeks in the mother's womb, life continues to shine with every thought of the little person waiting to be born. That little shining life is full of possibilities. When the child is born, its first look at the world is met with joy and excitement. Life is shining.

Within a few months, that little person will be crawling, walking, and learning to talk. Life is shining. Fast forward to elementary school, ballet recitals, sport games, the friends that little life will make, the things that little life will learn, life continues to shine. As that life continues to middle school and high school, making lifelong friends and learning the necessary things for adulthood, life continues to shine. This life is still full of possibilities and brings joy to those around it.

After graduation, the possibilities are still endless. The job paths might change but life still will shine. Within time, this life will meet and fall in love with another life. Joined together in holy matrimony as husband and wife, their life is truly shining. As their love continues to grow, the happy couple will become parents and eventually grandparents.

The Giver of life freely gives it so we may live. If we are going to live it to the fullest, we should remember to always let our life shine. We can do this by smiling, helping others, being there for friends, defending the defenseless, and above all being passionate about life.