

Let Life Shine

In the Christmas classic *It's a Wonderful Life*, after a long hard day, the main character, George Bailey wishes that he had never been born. The angel, Clarence, who is assigned to help George, grants his wish. As George walks through the town, he sees how different everything is without him. The entire town is being run by the cruel and greedy Mr. Potter. The people aren't happy and the town isn't welcoming like they were when George was alive. In fact, more than twenty people whose lives were saved by George, whether directly or indirectly, are deceased. Finally, after finding his wife as a tired-looking old maid and realizing that his children never existed because he didn't either, George decides he wants his life back. His life is too wonderful to wish or throw away.

Just as George Bailey discovered, every person has a huge impact on everyone and everything around them.

Just think if abortion had never been legalized or done, how much farther along could our technological advancements be? We might have the cure for cancer, or flying cars. There are so many possibilities. Unfortunately, these are all just what ifs. We can't change the past, but we can change the future.

To let life shine we have to let it exist. We have to give it a chance. Life is always the best option for everyone. In order for life to shine, we have to realize how important it actually is. If you or I had never been born the world would be very different. We may not have a huge impact in the whole world, but we do have an incredible part to play in the lives of those around us.

Abortion is extremely selfish. Every choice we make impacts others and the choice to murder an innocent child affects generations to come. Because of one abortion, hundreds of people who would have existed never will. An abortion not only takes the life of one, but it takes away the chance of life for many.

People who agree with abortion say it is about choice. But is it really? No, of course not. If the baby were to be asked if they wanted to live, they would most certainly say yes. It's not about what the baby wants or needs; it's about convenience. Abortion is a way of avoiding the consequences of the parents' actions. Eventually, however, they will have to stand trial for murder before the throne of God. God does not tolerate the shedding of innocent blood. Exodus 20:13 says, **"You shall not murder."**

Abortion is one of the worst things in our culture today. When murder is normalized, it is obvious that there is a serious problem. We might be the next generation's only hope. We need to be the voice for those who have none. It is time to take a stand. Just as George Bailey discovered life is precious, so we must let it shine.