

Support Her, Protect Them

Abortion is a horrible tragedy, usually brought on by necessity, ease, and accessibility. There are so many mothers out there who do not have the time or resources to take care of another child, or even one in the first place. More than anything, these mothers need our continuous, undivided support and love. Encouraging them to make the right decision about their child and potential abortion takes an incredible amount of work, something that we, as a society cannot shy away from. Moms may need mental aid, financial assistance, childcare, and so much more. The growing baby also needs a great deal of care and attention. They cannot protect themselves yet, completely defenseless in the womb. The gift of life cannot be thrown away so easily. When it comes to issues like this, sometimes it is not that we cannot do something, it is that we are unwilling to make it a priority.

The second greatest commandment is to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). How can we love our neighbor if we let them die before they have a chance to live? How can we love a parent if we do not support and value them? Human life is one of the most precious things in the world, with every person specially designed by God. This does not change the fact that parenthood is difficult. Bringing even one of those new little lives into being takes intense and

laborious work. Some do not have the resources to do this. This is where our support and love is needed the most.

Childcare is a huge issue, especially with most of America in the workforce. Many parents may be unable to find the time to take care of a new child, especially if they already have one or multiple. Babysitters can get exceedingly expensive, as can some daycares. A proposed solution is a daycare in a place of work, provided that the company has the resources to make this idea a reality. This opens the door for people to be in close proximity to their child, and still be able to work and have a career.

Mental aid is also something charities and clinics could provide. Sometimes, mothers seek abortions because the pregnancies are a product of rape, etc. Even with such an abhorrent thing, it does not change the fact that the baby is innocent. Free of any wrongdoing at this point, they would be killed, simply because of how they were made. Many mothers might come to see a baby, especially if it is the product of a disastrous event, as a burden, or a reminder of the trauma. A reminder of trauma is not the trauma in itself. The baby could not control how it came into being; why punish it for uncontrolled circumstances? Mental treatment could help convince potentially abortive mothers of this, as well as help them heal from their trauma. Therapy is such a useful and valuable tool, especially when it comes to saving lives. It is, however, usually very expensive. Charities could help offset the cost for struggling moms, or even offer therapy consultations themselves.

There is so much we can do to help struggling parents, especially while saving another life in the process. Defenseless babies should not be punished for being alive, and mothers should be offered more help, especially in such a difficult time. Charities can help with financial

aid, therapy, as well as potential childcare. Workplaces could work to make a more friendly environment to the needs of a mother. Life is such a beautiful thing, and we, as fellow humans, should hold it to such value that we could never dream of taking it away from another. Every human is made in the image of God, no matter who they are or how they were born. Every life matters.