



## Sermon Outline: "A Biblical Call to Uphold the sanctity of human life"

### Suggested Scripture Passages:

- **Genesis 1:26-27** – Humanity created in the image of God
  - **Psalms 139:13-16** – God's intimate knowledge of life in the womb
  - **Proverbs 6:16-17** – Shedding innocent blood as an abomination to God
  - **Jeremiah 1:5** – God's plan and purpose for life before birth
  - **Exodus 20:13** – The commandment against killing
  - **Proverbs 31:8-9** – Speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves
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### I. Introduction: The Sanctity of Human Life in a Confused Culture

- **Illustration:** Recent polls showing contradictory views among Christians on abortion.
- **Problem Statement:** Many Christians hold inconsistent views, opposing abortion personally while supporting its legality for others.
- **Goal:** To equip the congregation with a biblical framework to think, live, and speak consistently about the sanctity of human life.
- **Sensitivity:** Acknowledge that this message might be a challenge for some who have had an abortion or know of someone who has. May God's grace and his forgiveness fill your heart as we discuss what the bible has to say about life.

### II. The Biblical Foundation for the Sanctity of Human Life

1. **Human Life as God's Image-Bearers** (Genesis 1:26-27)
  - All humans reflect God's image, granting intrinsic value to life.
  - Implication: To take innocent life is to violate God's image in humanity.
2. **God's Knowledge and Purpose for Life** (Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah 1:5)
  - God's intimate involvement in creating life in the womb.
  - Every life has a God-ordained purpose before birth.
3. **The Prohibition Against Shedding Innocent Blood** (Proverbs 6:16-17; Exodus 20:13)
  - Abortion as a violation of the commandment against murder.
  - Justice and compassion demand protecting the innocent.

### III. Exposing the Inconsistencies in Cultural Thinking

1. **False Logic of "Personal Choice"**
  - Contrast: No one advocates for murder or theft as personal choices.
  - Application: We cannot allow convenience or autonomy to justify ending a life. Some however have been told that abortion is the only way to have a fulfilled life or some women are scared of their future being turned upside down.



## 2. Deceptive Narratives in Society

- Disinformation about fetal development and emotional appeals.
- Christians must ground their understanding in biblical truth and scientific fact.

See more resources here:

<https://pafamily.org/2025/01/03/2025-sanctity-of-human-life-sunday-toolkit/>

## IV. True Compassion: Supporting Women and Saving Lives

### 1. Compassion Does Not Contradict Truth

- Abortion hurts women physically, emotionally and spiritually. Address the false argument that compassion allows abortion.
- True compassion uplifts both the mother and the child, offering support and resources.
- The gospel of Christ offers hope and help to all. The gospel speaks to us all as sinners and saints and gives us all hope.

### 2. The Church's Role in Compassionate Advocacy

- Create ministries and partnerships to support women in unplanned pregnancies.
- Encourage adoption, counseling, and community involvement.
- A high percentage of women say they would keep an unplanned pregnancy if they knew they had support. We are called to be the Body of Christ as Jesus prayed for in John 17.

## V. Conclusion: Practical Steps to Live Consistently

### 1. Think Biblically

- Renew your mind with Scripture (Romans 12:2).
- Develop a coherent worldview grounded in objective truth.

### 2. Speaking Boldly

- Speak up for the unborn with grace and truth (Proverbs 31:8-9).
- Share the gospel as the foundation for understanding human dignity.

### 3. Engaging Culture

- Advocate for laws that protect life and vote in alignment with Biblical truth.
- Disciple others within your sphere of influence about the sanctity of human life.

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