

Jehovah Jireh: The Lord will Provide

When I was 11 years old, my parents told my siblings and me that our Mom was pregnant. At the first ultrasound, we found out that the baby had a condition called spina bifida, which means that the baby's spine did not form completely. The doctor's offered the option of abortion, which they called "termination". However, we prayed and named her Jireh Grace, which means "the Lord will provide grace." Jireh has been a blessing and brought so much joy into our lives. I am pro-life because murder is wrong and human life is precious and beautiful. Abortion is the killing of human babies while they are still in the womb, and the Bible clearly states that murder is sin. Mankind is made in God's holy image, and therefore human life is rare and priceless. I cannot imagine a life without my sister, and I think that if those who are considering an abortion could meet her, then they would not go through with it.

Abortion is wrong because it is murder. This fact can be proven simply by defining the terms 'murder' and 'life.' *The Oxford Reference Dictionary* defines murder as "The unlawful killing of one human by another." According to *The Encyclopedia Britannica*, life is defined as any system "...that shows certain attributes that include responsiveness, growth, metabolism, energy transformation, and reproduction." Scientists have shown that a zygote, the state of an organic being following conception, displays these characteristics. Therefore, if an abortion is performed at any time, it is murder. God himself says that murder is wrong because we are made in His image and killing another human is destroying his image. Genesis 9:6 states, "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man." At the time of this writing, over 35 million abortions have taken place worldwide this year.

In conclusion, I am strongly against abortion because we are made in the image of God, and killing is against the law of God. I cannot imagine if I did not have my sister with me now. I would not give away the happy, sad, tearful, or joyful moments with her for anything. I want to tell others about how much she has changed my life. We named her Jireh as a reminder to ourselves of God's promise to provide. I believe that if someone feels that they should terminate their baby, they should first be allowed to either see their baby in an ultrasound, or meet someone who was threatened with an abortion and survived. It is very important that we do all we can and spread the pro-life message to stop the unethical practice of abortion.

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