

# WHAT ABOUT EXCEPTIONS?

Should there be exceptions to who has a right to live? It is never necessary to intentionally cause the death of a child. Though not always successful, doctors can attempt to save lives, rather than intentionally destroy them. Doctors used to vow to “first, do no harm.” In cases of sexual assault (rape or incest), the baby is evidence that a crime has been committed, and rapists could be held accountable. By current Colorado law, if a rape is reported within 48 hours, the rapist is required to pay child support without having access to his child. A child is the only good that can come from a **rape**. There is no physical or emotional difference between children conceived in rape and children who were not. Many women report that having their child helped them overcome the rape. Many women also report that experiencing an abortion following a rape was more difficult to overcome than the rape itself.

children must not be put to death for their fathers

2 Chronicles 25:4b

**99%** of all abortions have nothing to do with the **life of the mother**. In the rare instance where the life of the mother is in imminent danger, a doctor can attempt to save both lives, even delivering the child early and giving comfort and medical care for the best chance of survival rather than dismembering the child and intentionally causing death. Some women, even when encouraged to abort by a doctor, have chosen to give their child life.

For children who are expected to die at birth, there are hospice programs available to help parents provide loving care and precious time with their baby. Many children with a **poor prognosis** or thought to be severely handicapped are born healthy and live normal lives. There are also adoptive parents who offer to care for handicapped or terminally ill children and financial help available.

While abortion is legal, women assume it is safe. Even morally right. Though nothing could be further from the truth. When women feel coerced by societal pressures or family members to abort a child, or taught that her immediate needs are more important than the lives of children, we rob women of motherhood and the opportunity to mature into loving adults.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. Proverbs 31:8-9

As the pain and regret of abortion compound over time, and the unnecessary suffering abortion causes children cannot be undone, we cannot know all of the unintended consequences and what we are missing by aborting children who would contribute within their career fields and nurture their own families.

There is no difference between the preborn child you and I used to be and the children in the womb today holding onto their one chance to live. We rob ourselves when we are not willing to open our hearts to welcome these children into the world with love. Those of us with a moral compass need to protect the innocent and vulnerable among us from those more powerful and ruthless who would crush them. And for their mothers, we need to address private sins privately and celebrate publicly the child who God has given her to love. Because every child deserves a birthday!