# Will You Be a Voice for Life?

Affirming Life in our Churches and in the Public Square



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### Affirming the Value of Life in our Churches

Value does not come not from what we are able to do or not do. It comes from what God has done. Human life has value because:

- God creates every life. (Psalm 139:13-14)
- God redeemed every life with His own blood. (Acts 20:28)
- God desires to call every life into an eternal relationship with Him. (1 Timothy 2:4)

Through this positive and joyful God-breathed truth, God moves us to dispel the myths about life's value such as:

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- People with severe disabilities are less valuable than the able bodied.
- People with diseases like Alzheimer's or mental health issues like depression are less valuable than others and financially burdensome.
- The elderly are less valuable than younger people.

# Affirming the Value of Life in the Public Square

Jesus calls us to influence our culture. He tells us we are the light of His truth in this dark world (Matthew 5:14) and that we are to be like salt preserving this truth and defending it (Matthew 5:13).

One of the ways we do this is in the public square through our elected officials. Part of our Christian responsibility as citizens is to be a voice for God's truth in the ears of those who represent us and to support and vote for life-affirming candidates.

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