

Bear One Another's Burdens ...



One of our clients is a young mother whose baby, at about 18 months old, needed his hips broken and reset. He spent many months in a body cast.

His mom or his grandma came in often, seeking strollers and other equipment, and clothing that could accommodate his cast. This toddler couldn't stand, only lay, and needed challenging toys to keep him occupied.

His surgery was a success, but now at three years old, he needs another surgery. His mom and grandma have often told us how much Pregnancy and Life Resources has helped them by giving them so many things they could not have afforded to buy.

Thank you for your prayers and continued support, as we try to lighten the burdens of those who come to Pregnancy and Life Resources for help.

**Bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfill the law of Christ. Galatians 6:2**



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A Shepherd's Message

"The Talk"

Have you had "The Talk" yet with your children? Not "the sex talk" or the "do as I say, not as I do" talk. Have you had the "death and dying" talk? Dropping hints and spouting mantras like "I don't want to be a vegetable" doesn't count! You can do better for your loved ones! If you love your family, show them your faith in Jesus and the hope of heaven you have for them. Help them see what Jesus says about death and dying.

Now is the time to have that talk, while you're still alive and able to talk. Christmas is coming, and families get together. You have the Christmas Christ Child with his promise of heaven!

What do we say? "I know that my Redeemer lives!" "My times are in his hands!" "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!" "Come, Lord Jesus!" "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain!" Fill your "death and dying" talk with Jesus, and you will bless your family!

Talk about the blessings of life and health care, and the limits of life and health care. Talk about the decisions that we may be asked to make for ourselves or family members. To help with your talk, go to ChristianLifeResources.com. Under the Resources tab are links to download two FREE "Medical Directive" documents: 1) a Christian Version of the IL Power of Attorney for Health Care form. Don't skip the addendum on this document; start with the addendum.; and 2) an Explanatory Supplement to help think through the issues with the heart and mind of Christ.

Other resources may be your hospital (on their website, search “Advance Directives”), your health care provider, or an attorney.

Almost four years ago I wrote about “The Talk” in this newsletter. Since then, I’ve learned some lessons from life that are worth passing on to others.

A few short years ago, Dad started “The Talk” with us kids, using some hospital-provided forms. It was soon clear that we weren’t all on the same page. We started over with the Medical Directive documents from Christian Life Resources, and we were blessed to be on the same page. I think that Dad still used the hospital forms for the hospital, but Christian Life Resources helped us to think and talk through the issues with less of a worldly view and more of a truly Christian perspective. Then, in the middle of our summer vacation, when Dad sat us down for “The Talk,” we were all on the same page.

As the eldest child, I was to be the Power of Attorney for Health Care. Fine. Then Mom told me that they decided to ask my younger brother (who lives near them) to take my place. Again, fine. Here is where I dropped the ball. Mom and Dad never made the switch. I thought my brother was “the guy,” but my siblings thought I was “the guy.” This fall, when Mom and Dad were both hospitalized with COVID at the same time, it could have been awkward, or worse. The lesson? Don’t assume that what is said is what is done. Follow up. Check up.

Because we had had “The Talk” (more than once), this fall when the ICU MD talked with Dad and me about treatment options, and then a couple days later, when the MD talked about no good treatment options, I was able to echo for the MD what Dad wanted and what Jesus wanted.

Dad gave us such a blessing by sitting us down for “The Talk” (and really raising us with “The Talk”). Bless your family with “The Talk.” Bless your family to look forward with Jesus!

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Reality Check ✓

Have you wondered where induced abortions are performed? You may be surprised to learn that a rapidly increasing number occur in homes!

Last year the Center for Disease Control (CDC) published *Abortion Surveillance – U.S., 2018*, which indicated that 60% of reported abortions were surgical and **40% were medical**. Medical abortion, commonly called “the abortion pill,” involves taking two oral drugs: Mifepristone followed by Misoprostol. These are readily available, even by mail order. Medical abortions are legal through the 70th day of gestation, a time when the baby’s tiny fingers and toes are forming, eyes are beginning to develop pigment, arms are able to flex at the elbows and wrists.

In describing what happens during a medical abortion, Danco Laboratories, the manufacturer of Mifeprex, does not include the words “baby,” “fetus,” or “embryo” in the *Medication Guide* or on the label for Mifeprex. Instead, it says “the pregnancy is passed from the uterus” and mentions “expulsion of the pregnancy.” Similarly, Planned Parenthood talks about “emptying the uterus” of “large blood clots” and “clumps of tissue.”

It’s human nature to deny the truth. When the truth doesn’t suit our purposes, is inconvenient, or unappealing, we want to create a false “reality,” But God in His Word provides a reality check!

- ✓ *Children are a heritage from the Lord.* Psalm 127:3a (NIV)
- ✓ *For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother’s womb.* Psalm 139:13 (NIV)
- ✓ *You shall not murder.* Exodus 20:13 (NIV)
- ✓ *Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.* Isa. 5:20a (NIV)