

Would You Take Me Away?

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About half of all pregnancies are unplanned. Forty percent of these developing babies will get aborted. Fifty percent of abortions are done by women under the age of twenty-five. Is this how little we think of life?

God made everything in the world. He made love, he made relationships, and he made babies. He also made free will. We have the choice to do good or bad things, but that does not mean that it is ok to do those things. There are very high and severe penalties for killing. So why is killing babies ok?

It isn't. Even though they are not in the world yet, babies are human. They have feelings, and most importantly, they have life. About eighty-eight percent of all abortions happen in the first thirteen weeks of pregnancy. Does that entitle us to kill children? "Oh, he's five, he is young enough. He doesn't matter. It was just a mistake. I'll just kill him and not worry about it." If someone said this to you, you would think that they were crazy. But the reality is that it is happening to defenseless children.

About seventeen percent of the abortions in the country are made by teenagers. If teenagers engage in pre-marital sex, they are not only harming their selves, but can also get a STD, or may get pregnant. Many teenage girls who abort regret it later. They have many behavioral problems that can harm their life. Some of these are: sleep issues, sexual issues, depression, fears of failure or rejection, loneliness or numbness, relationship struggles, lack of self worth, inability to trust people, anger, and addictions. Those are many things that can make a person feel horrible about themselves and their life.

One girl who had an abortion wrote at www.TeenBreaks.com, "To my baby: I love you and I am sorry you did not get to live your life because your momma did a terrible thing." This statement shows how sad and guilty a girl probably feels when she takes away a human life.

Think about this. What if my mother had had an abortion? I wouldn't be here writing to you about the horrible reality. What if Albert Einstein's mother had aborted him? What if Dr. Martin Luther King Junior's mother had? Where would our world be? What if that baby that you are taking care of inside you will find the cure to cancer? Why would you want to take away that possibility?

I hope that you have given a thought to this issue. If you are pregnant or think you might be and need help, please visit thehelpline.org, or call 1-866-942-6466.