

A Biblical Response to the Sin of Abortion

(John 4:39-42) Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.

And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world."

1. Jesus knows every secret sin.

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Upside Down World view

- Jesus accepted all behavior of the sinners.
- Jesus was against all standards of "religion."
- Jesus never got upset over sin or sinful choices.
- Jesus doesn't care what we do as long as we "love" everyone.

You have had 5 husbands and the one you now have is not your husband. (18)

Jesus knew her –

- her life
- her immoral choices
- her sin

"Come see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" (29)

For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

And no creature is hidden from His sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

Heb. 4:12-13

Silence is a powerful weapon
of the enemy.

"I had told myself that an abortion would end my problems, not complicate them by bringing an innocent life into my own upheaval.

I swallowed Satan's lie, that is, then spit it out again, saying it with my own mouth."

Patricia Raybon – I Told the Mountain to Move

2. Jesus spent time with sinners.

How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria.(9)

Questions with sarcasm –

- You have no water?
- You have no cup/bucket?
- You are not greater than Jacob?

So when the Samaritans came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.
(40)

He gave them truth.

Greg is a rare mix of intelligence and stalled ambition. Just when you think he's completely checked out during a meeting, he'll ask a rhetorical question padded with corporate buzzwords or look up from his phone to restate something we already know. A mediocre addition to any company!

John and I worked together for more than four years. In that time, I was always impressed by his ability to take many more vacation and personal days than were allotted. All in all, he's a real wizard at staying employed.

How can I sum up Judy in just one paragraph? I can't, because she will probably rewrite it. A brilliant micromanager and leader of team anxiety, she never met a project she didn't want to take over.

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father ... (23)

... in spirit and truth

... for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him.

God is spirit and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Two extremes -

- dead orthodoxy – truth but no spirit
- zealous emotion – spirit but no truth

“I love Planned Parenthood. I love the people that are Planned Parenthood. I love their ministry. I love that they live resurrection in a way I only talk about it.”

Presbyterian church minister –

Andrew Kukla, “Abortion is a blessing and our work is not done...”

And before Congress in 2012:

“I recall vividly one day when I left my home to pick up a 15 year old girl and drive her to Boston for an 8 AM appointment for an abortion. I did not not take her across state lines nor did I, to my knowledge, break any laws. But if either of those things had been necessary to help that girl, I would have done them.

Katherine Hancock Ragsdale – a lesbian Episcopal priest

False worshipers?

- not based on truth
 - about God
 - about sin
 - about salvation
- not in truth
 - come in hypocrisy
 - not real to my heart
- not in spirit
 - one with the Holy Spirit?
 - real – inward commitment
 - from the heart

Do not kill the innocent... Ex. 23:7

- He gave them Hope.

... but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. (14)

The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

“Living Water”

- Spiritual life that satisfies the soul
(Ps. 36:19)

-Cleansing of sin and the old life
(Ez. 36:25-27)

- A relationship with the Living God
(Jer. 2:13, 17:13)

- The presence of the Holy Spirit
(Jn. 7:37-39)

- Salvation (Isa. 12:3) “... with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.”

Sir, give me this water... (15a)

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near; Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

Isa. 55:6-7

I know that Messiah is coming – when He comes, He will tell us all things. (25)

I who speak to you am He. (26)

- To a woman

- To a Samaritan woman

- To a sinful Samaritan woman

3. Jesus came to save sinners.

... for we have heard for ourselves,

(42)

... and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. 1 Jn. 4:14

The World?

- all people (nations) (Matt. 28:19)

- the upside down world (Rom. 5:6,8) (Acts 2:40b)

- all kinds of sinners (Lk. 23:41-43)

those “near” and those “far off.” Acts 2:39

- those doing “good,” but without faith in Christ

(Phil. 3:9)

- those living a lifetime of sinful behavior (Jn. 4:18)

The Savior:

- He took the punishment (Isa. 53:4-5)

- He paid the debt (Matt. 6:12; Jn. 19:30)

- He destroyed death (1 Cor. 15:55-57)

- He conquered Satan (1 Jn. 3:8)

- He overcomes the world 1Jn. 5:5

- He forgives (Eph. 1:7)

The Savior:

- He cleanses (1 Jn. 1:9)
- He sets us free (Rom. 8:2)
- He heals the broken hearted (Ps. 147:3)
- He intercedes for sinners (1 Sam. 53:12)
- He rescues the "lost" (Lk. 19:10)