

## Our Response to the Supreme Court ruling to overturn Roe V Wade



As a result of the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe. V Wade we wanted to make it clear where we stand on abortion because we feel that is critically important in times like this, and we need to pray because that is even more important.

### I. First Things First

- a. We need to be sensitive to the fact...
  - i. We have people in our body and community that have had abortions or who have had a family member or friend who have had abortions and those were not easy decisions that have sensitive stories and experiences attached to them.
  - ii. The LAST THING we want is for anyone who has had an abortion to feel is...
    1. Judged
    2. Condemned
    3. Or Shamed
- b. If we want to live up to the calling God has given us here at the Log Church which is to be a *"safe place where people can come to know, love and follow Jesus"*
  - i. Then we need to be a safe place for people who have had abortions to come where they can openly share their stories, because many of those stories will have pain and turmoil attached to them which can become a heavy burden to carry that Satan uses to make them feel like they are not loved or welcomed by God, His Church, or His people.
  - ii. We want the Log Church to be a safe place where people who had abortions can come to receive God's unconditional love, grace and mercy not guilt, condemnation or shame.
- c. If you are someone who has had an abortion, or you know someone who has, and this recent Supreme Court ruling, or our Biblical stance on abortion, causes you to feel unsettled in any way please know we are here to listen to you, process with you, clarify further for you, and care for you because you matter to God and you matter to us.

### II. Where We Stand

- a. Our stance IS NOT a political stance it is a Biblical stance
  - i. The stance we have existed long before Roe V Wade and long before abortion even existed.
  - ii. And our stance will remain the same forever because God's Word is the same yesterday, today and forevermore
- b. The EFCA (Evangelical Free Church of America) captures and summarizes our Biblical stance on abortion succinctly.

***“All human life—at whatever stage of development, from conception to death; at whatever socio-economic status; and at whatever level of physical or intellectual capability—is sacred, because all human beings are created in God’s image. Even when this image has been corrupted by our sin, every human being is still worthy of honor and respect. There is nothing more valuable in all of creation than a human life.”***

- c. We believe human life begins at conception and that human life, from conception on, is to be considered sacred because God created it so it should be sacred to us as well.
- d. Therefore, we do not and cannot support abortion.

### **III. We Also Understand...**

- a. As a result of sin, unwanted pregnancies happen in a variety of ways and some of these are in very violent and tragic ways.
- b. As a result of sin, pregnant women can find themselves in situations where their personal health and even life can be in danger because of the pregnancy.
- c. We want to be a safe place for women who find themselves in these situations
  - i. So, we can compassionately listen to you and care for you.
  - ii. So, we can prayerfully take the journey with you.
  - iii. So, we can proactively connect you with people and resources that can help you.
- d. If you find yourself in either of these places...
  - i. Please do not turn from God or His Church because there are many great things that God has to offer you to help you.
  - ii. Remember the promise God gives all of us in Romans 8:28 *“In all things (even the difficult, unexpected and undesired things) God works for the good of those who continue to love Him.”*
  - iii. Know that you are loved by God, and you are loved by us, and we are here to take every step with you and watch God work for the good in that with you.

### **IV. Let’s Pray**

*Lord Jesus, we stand on your Word and your ways which clearly reveal to us that all life, from conception on, is to be considered and treated as sacred because it was created by you and is sacred to you.*

*We stand on your word which commands thou shall not murder so we stand against abortion.*

*We stand on your word which calls us, the people of your church, to be ambassadors of compassion and restoration so help us to be a people who provide a safe place for women who have had abortions or who are considering having abortions, to come so they can receive your unconditional love, grace, mercy, and truth.*