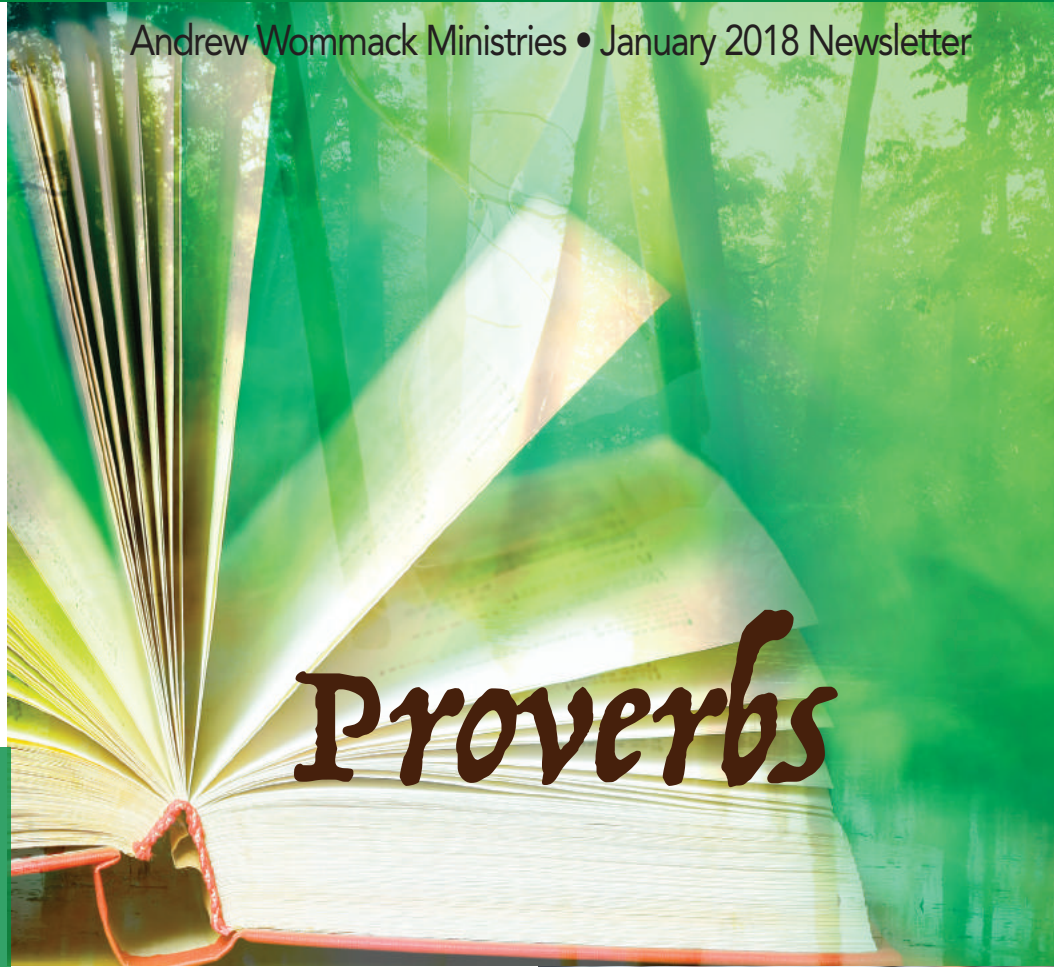


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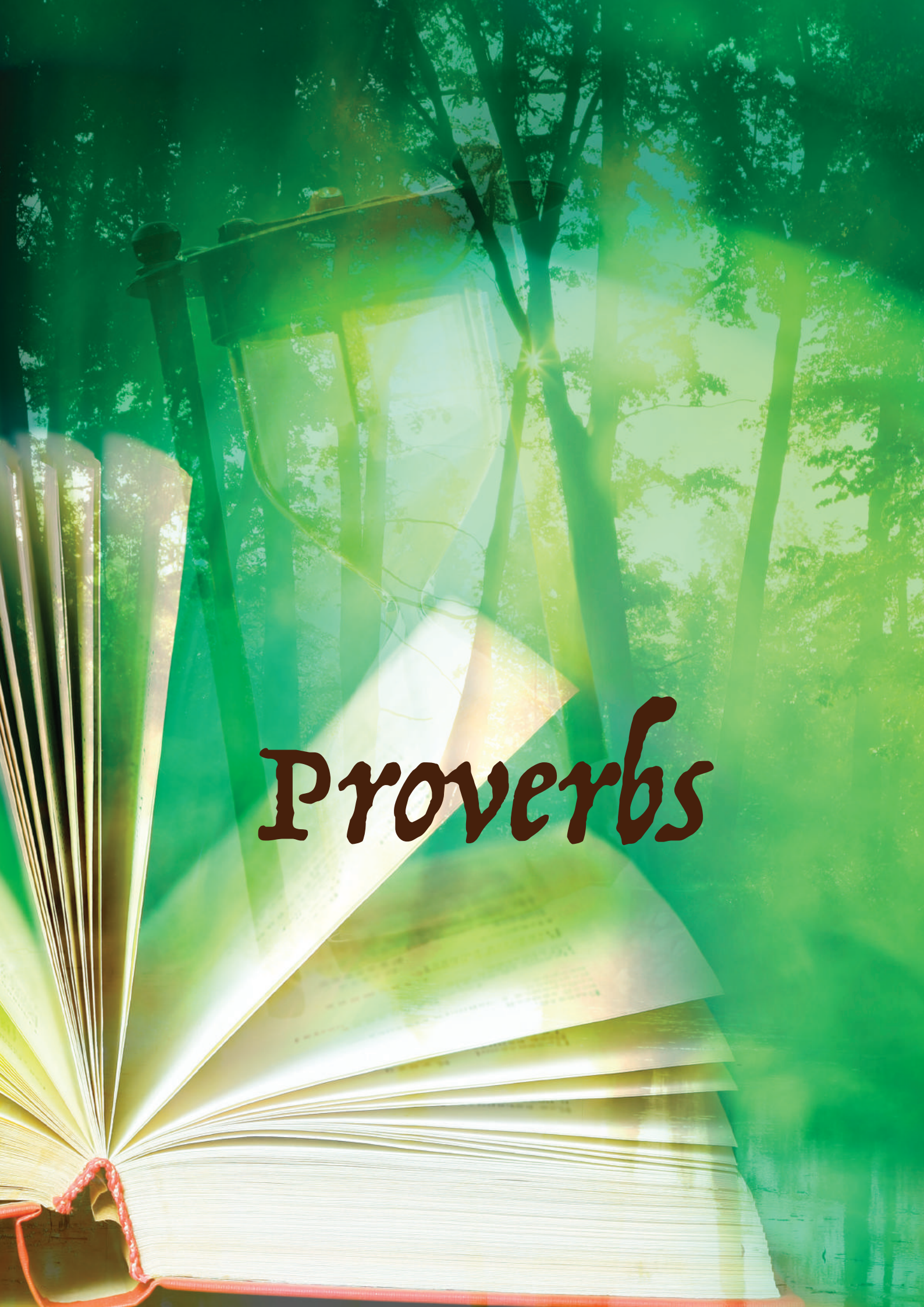
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The image is a composite with a strong green color scheme. In the background, there is a dense forest of tall trees with sunlight filtering through the leaves, creating a dappled light effect. In the foreground, an open book with many pages is visible, its spine on the left. A red string is tied around the bottom of the book. Overlaid on the upper left is a lantern with a glass chimney and a metal frame. The word "Proverbs" is written in a large, dark, stylized script font across the center of the image, partially overlapping the book and the forest background.

Proverbs

PROVERBS:

Timeless Wisdom for a Life of Blessing



The second verse of Proverbs clearly explains the purpose of this book in the Bible: “To know wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:2). But unfortunately, the principles found in Proverbs are really missing in our culture today. **We no longer deal with the issues of the heart.** It’s all about our emotions - how we feel. For many of us, life is about making money and taking care of ourselves. We want to live easy lives and have all kinds of luxuries, but we neglect matters of the heart.

There are people today who, on a heart level, are babies. They’ve never grown up. They don’t understand the importance of guarding their hearts. But the Bible explains why we should pay close attention to this.

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

I’ve been to places where people are severely poor, yet they are happier and have better things going for them than people who are a million times richer. Why is that? It’s simply because their heart issues are right. On the other hand, there are people who have a lot of fame, which some may think would make them happy, but their hearts are wrong. So many movie stars and athletes who make millions and millions of dollars and have so much acclaim are typically miserable because their hearts aren’t right.

These kinds of people don’t embrace the things of God. They live in open rebellion to all the standards that God’s Word teaches. They reject His truths and do things their own way. They have become a god unto themselves. They are so popular and so rich that they just do whatever they want, yet they’re miserable. They can’t keep their marriages together, or they don’t bother getting married because they’re afraid of commitment. They have children out of wedlock. Many are on drugs and end up dying from drug overdoses. All this could be avoided if they’d allow God to deal with their hearts. **The heart is more important than the kind of car a person drives, the house they live in - all of these things.** We need to put the emphasis on the heart; that’s where the issues of life come from.

Proverbs also tells us that “as [a man] *thinketh in his heart, so is he*” (Prov. 23:7, brackets added). So, it’s important to see that whatever situation we find ourselves in, it’s because we thought that way in our hearts. We may not have thought, *I want to have this failure*. Of course not. But we thought in ways that made us identify with failure and made us feel inadequate to overcome it; therefore, we allowed it to happen. Either we occasioned it

continued



by our thoughts, or our thoughts allowed Satan to push it over on us because we didn't know our identity or our authority in Christ. The truth is, God is the one who gives us the authority to resist the devil and overcome.

Most people today believe that they can't control how they think or feel. They think that because someone did something to them or they got sick or whatever, they can't control how they feel. If that were the case, then Jesus was unjust to give the command, "Let not your heart be troubled" (John 14:1). The night before Jesus was crucified, His disciples, who loved Him and gave up everything for Him, were about to see Him rejected and killed. Yet Jesus told them to not let their hearts be troubled. Today's Christians would say, "That's unreasonable. We can't do that. We're only human." But that's what Jesus told His disciples.

I believe the heart is the combination of the soul and spirit. Originally, God created the physical body of Adam, but he wasn't alive until God breathed into him the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). That is when God imparted His Spirit into man and man became a living soul. That is to say, Adam received a life-giving spirit from God, and the soul came into existence as a buffer between the spirit and body. The soul and spirit together compose the innermost part of man, and it's what is being referred to here.

The Message translates Proverbs 4:23 as "Keep vigilant watch over your heart; that's where life starts." *The Living Bible* says, "Above all else, guard your affections. For they influence everything else in your life." Because your heart is where life starts and it influences everything else in your life, you really shouldn't let your heart be troubled (John 14:1).

The born-again spirit has the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16) and knows all things (1 John 2:20). The victory in our Christian lives comes when we believe with our whole hearts. As Christians, our born-again spirits are always believing, so we have to get our souls, or mind and emotions, in agreement with our spirits.

I only have a small amount of space here to share from the book of Proverbs. But my newest teaching, *Proverbs: Timeless Wisdom for a Life of Blessing*, is an **in-depth, verse-by-verse study of all thirty-one chapters!** This teaching covers topics like character, business, wealth, child-rearing, and politics. It will give you practical answers to help you in everyday life. The hardcover book is over 800 pages and includes notes from my *Living Commentary*. The book is part of two special Proverbs packages we have put together. With the Gift Set Package, you can dive into Proverbs with me. I'll be teaching on it throughout the year on my *Gospel Truth* program. If you want to study ahead, the Complete Proverbs Package also contains the teaching on CD and DVD. Get one of these packages today. I know you'll be blessed!

Andrew and Jamie

UK APPEAL LETTER:

UK OFFICE -ESSENTIAL TO THE VISION

I recently returned from our meetings in the UK and Australia. I literally traveled around the world in a little over two weeks.

Our UK ministers' conference was the best yet, with 500 ministers from all over the world attending. Every minister we impacted will in turn touch all the people under their influence. And those people will then spread the good news by touching others. Tens of thousands will ultimately be blessed by what happened in Walsall this October. Praise the Lord!



While I was there, I got to tour the part of our facility in Walsall that had been occupied by the day nursery. This added space is critically needed for our expanding ministry in the UK. My staff presented their remodel plans to me as we walked through the space, envisioning what we would do. They did an excellent job, and I approved their plan 100 percent.

A few weeks ago, I presented this opportunity to you and asked for your help to raise the £350,000 needed for renovation. I'm pleased to tell you that our partners responded! We now have £185,000 towards this project—we're over than halfway there. Praise the Lord!

However, we currently don't have the extra funds to make up the difference. So I would like to ask you once again to pray about this, and to give a little extra if the Lord

leads you. We're so close, and we can get this done with a little help from everyone without being a burden on anyone.

This facility will be completely paid off in April 2018. We have been making monthly payments since our first office opened in 1992 in Coventry, but soon we will be free of that expense. This will allow us to put this extra money into reaching more people with the life-transforming truths of the Gospel.

The ministry through our UK office is essential to the vision the Lord has given me. We have expanded our Bible college into Northern Ireland, Scotland, and Yorkshire as well as the Midlands. Much of our translation work is being funded and overseen through the UK office. We now have my materials translated from English into forty-seven other languages.

The UK office takes calls from all over the world and sends materials to about thirty countries. The potential reach of the UK office is actually greater than that of our home base in the USA. And all of this is being done with a fraction of the staff that we have in the States. This really is a no-frills ministry that is using all the resources the Lord gives us to further the gospel.

In addition to our already established morning broadcast, we now have a prime-time broadcast on God TV, which is exposing the ministry to a whole new group of people. More people are responding than ever before, and we need to expand to keep up with the demand.

This teaching ministry is uniquely

positioned to impact Europe and beyond. Yes, the Gospel needs to be proclaimed. But it also needs to be explained. That's what teaching does. We constantly get testimonies from people who have been Christians for decades but who are just coming alive to the Lord as they learn who they are in Christ and about the goodness of God.

I believe the Lord has raised up Andrew Wommack Ministries Europe as a big part of what the Lord is doing all across Europe and beyond. For example, Dubai is being impacted through the God TV programs, which are paid for by partners in the UK. There is even the potential to open up an AWM office and a Charis Bible College campus in Dubai.



None of this would be possible without you, our partners, who have brought us this far. Buildings are only a tool. The real focus is people. But just as the proper tools multiply our abilities, so facilities are necessary to accomplish the task before us.

I pray you join with me to get this done so we can reach farther and deeper with the Gospel than ever before. I know you will.

You are a blessing.

Andrew Wommack



IF We Don't, Who Will?

January 2018 marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal in the United States. Liberal. Conservative. Pro-life. Pro-choice. Democrat. Republican. It doesn't matter what your classification is on the political spectrum, we're all aware of the abortion debate. We've heard the pro-life and pro-choice arguments. We've read statistics about the hundreds of thousands of abortions performed each year (664,435 legal abortions were reported to the CDC in 2013¹). We have heard the argument that abortion can be a life-saving procedure for the mother, and it is touted as a "women's health" issue. But pro-life facts say that less than 1 percent of abortions are performed to save the life of the mother.² We've heard both sides argue about whether life begins at conception or birth. And the whole debate tends to get lumped into the political bag called "social issues." However, the discussion about abortion is not a social issue at all. It's a moral one. It's a God issue.

Abortion is not about healthcare, the freedom of choice, or women's rights. It's not about religion, nor is it centered on who will win the pro-life/pro-choice debate. Ultimately, abortion is about the sanctity of life. And since we're talking about facts and statistics, scientists actually define *life* as a "living organism . . . specifically distinguished by the capacity to grow, metabolize, respond (to stimuli), adapt, and reproduce."³ From zygote to embryo to fetus - from conception to birth - there is no time that this "organism" is not growing or reproducing.

Many people, even Christians, believe the Bible to be silent about this issue. And though you won't find the word *abortion* in the Bible, God's Word actually has a lot to say about life before birth. In Jeremiah 1:5, God tells the prophet, "*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you*" (New King James Version).

If this was the only Word we had on the subject, it would be enough. However, God demanded protection of life in the Ten Commandments:

You shall not murder.

Exodus 20:13, NKJV

People sometimes argue about the definition of *murder*; however, the *American Heritage Dictionary* clearly says that murder is "to put an end to; destroy." That sounds a little like what abortion does.

When God set out the Mosaic Law for Israel, He plainly revealed His heart for the unborn, demanding harsh punishment on anyone who violated this law:

If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. [23] But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life, [24] eye for eye, tooth



for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, [25] burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

Exodus 21:22-25, NKJV

Do these scriptures mean those who participate in or condone abortion should be killed? Of course not. Jesus took the penalty for sin—all sin—at the cross and in so doing justified us by grace (Rom. 3:24 and John 1:16). But that doesn't change the value God places on life. The biblical view of abortion doesn't focus on death; it focuses on life.

One woman, who had undergone abortions, shares how she got past the experience once she learned about God's forgiveness:

"I knew God had forgiven me for the abortions, as I had. But there was nagging regret. What would their lives have been like? Then God showed me to focus on the lives they've actually had—no guilt, shame, sickness, pain. Imagine crawling into Jesus' lap anytime and asking Him anything! My children were taught of the Lord, and great is the peace of my children" (Is. 54:13).

God is intimately involved in the process of life. Even before our

conception, God had a plan for us and began shaping us into His image (Jer. 1:5). We are unique and valuable to Him—way before we are even born (Ps. 139:14-16). Even science agrees that at conception, all forty-six human chromosomes (little DNA packages that are the building blocks of life) are found in a unique configuration that has never before existed!⁴

Life is precious, and children are a gift from the Lord (Ps. 127:3) that we are called to defend (Is. 1:17 and Ps. 82:3). We cannot stand idly by, merely listening to pro-life and pro-choice arguments, while millions of children are sacrificed to the idols of convenience and fear.

"God is calling us together to stand and start making an impact. None of us can do everything we need to by ourselves; we have to stand as one body," Andrew Wommack says. "And I believe He has called me to marshal His people together." Years ago, in the face of similar social evils, German pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil. . . . Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."⁵

In the next few months, we will be announcing some very specific ways you can let your voice be heard, so stay tuned. In the meantime, consider ordering Andrew's teaching and

resource kit *Choose Life! Biblical Answers to Abortion*. You can order it online at **www.awme.net/shop**.

The body of Christ must speak up about the sanctity of life. If we don't stand up for them, who will?

¹ <http://womensissues.about.com/od/reproductiverights/tp/Ten-Abortion-Facts.htm>; retrieved 11/16/2017

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