**[PRELIMINARY THOUGHTS]**

1. This is a political issue.

* Arizona Abortion Access Act

2. But it is much more than a political issue. It is a biblical and moral issue.

3. Acts 20:27, “for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.”

**[TRANSITION]** Give them an overview of the sermon.

**[BIBLICAL SUPPORT]**

**ABORTION IS MURDER.**

* **Murder:** the taking of any human life when this is not sanctioned by God, the giver of life.
  + **[Exodus 20:13]** 13 “You shall not murder.
* **Abortion:** any action that intentionally causes the death and removal from the womb of an unborn child.

**THE CREATION OF GOD**

* **[Genesis 1:26-27]** 26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
  + Man created in God's image means that man is like God (moral, spiritual, mental, relational, physical) and represents God (stewarding God’s creation). Nothing in all of creation is ever said to be made in God's image. Because humanity was made in God's image, every person has a sense of dignity, value, and worth.
* **[Genesis 9:6]** 6 “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.
  + If you murder someone, you die because it is such an insult to the image of God.

**THE CONCEPTION OF GOD**

**SARAH**

* **[Genesis 16:2]** Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said to Abram, “Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai.
* **[Genesis 21:1-2]** The LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did to Sarah as he had promised. 2 And Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the time of which God had spoken to him.

**RUTH**

* **[Ruth 4:13]** 13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son.

**JOB**

* **[Job 33:4]** 4 The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

**DAVID**

* **[Psalm 139:13]** 13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
  + “Inward parts” literally means “kidneys.” In contexts such as these, it also means that God forms a baby’s inward parts, including its thoughts and emotions.
* God is the power behind barrenness, and God is the power behind conception.

**THE CARE OF GOD**

* **[Exodus 21:22-25]** 22 “When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman’s husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if there is harm, then you shall pay 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.
  + If this causes a premature birth but there is no harm to the pregnant woman or her unborn child, there is still a penalty.
  + If there is harm to either the pregnant woman or her child, then the penalty is severe.
  + Both the mother and the child are given equal legal protection. The penalty for harming the unborn child is just as great as for harming the mother. Both are treated as persons who deserve full protection.
  + This law is even more significant when seen in the context of other laws in the Mosaic Covenant. Where the Mosaic Law addressed other cases of someone accidentally causing the death of another person, there was no requirement to give “life for life” - no capital punishment. Rather, the person who accidentally caused someone else death was required to flee to one of six “cities of refuge” until the death of the high priest (Num. 35:9-15, 22-29). This was a “house arrest,” although the person had to stay only within a city rather than a home. It was a far less punishment than “life for life.” This means that God established for Israel a law code that placed a high value on protecting the life of a pregnant woman and her unborn child than the life of anyone else in Israelite society.
  + Could you imagine intentional killings? This is regarding accidental murder.

**THE CONDEMNATION OF GOD**

* I covered this in Genesis 9:6 and Exodus 21:22-25. But it’s not just an OT concept.
* **[Matthew 26:51]** 51 And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. 52 Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.
  + You take a life. You give your life.
* **[Romans 13:4]** 4 for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.

**THE PERSONHOOD OF MAN**

* **[Luke 1:41-44]** 41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.
  + Luke 1:36 says that Elizabeth was 6 months old.
  + The word for “baby” (*brephos*) is the same Greek word used for a child after it is born, as when Jesus is called a “baby lying in a manger” (Luke 2:16; Luke 18:15).
  + Leaping for joy shows attributes of personhood.
* **[Psalm 51:5]** Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.
  + It is not his mother’s sinfulness but his. Nothing in the context gives us a clue that he is talking about his mother.
  + From conception, David had something else going on: sin. Only a person can be a sinner.
* **[Jeremiah 1:5]** 5 “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”
* **[Galatians 1:5]** 15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,

**[OBJECTIONS]**

**1. WHAT ABOUT RAPE/INCEST?**

* **[Deuteronomy 24:16]** 16 “Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

**2. WHAT ABOUT DEFORMED BABIES?**

* **[Exodus 4:11]** 11 Then the LORD said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Who makes him mute, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?
* **[John 9:1-3]** As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him.

**ABORTION IS MURDER.**

* What the world calls health care, God calls murder.
* What the world calls pro-choice, God calls murder.
* What the world calls reproductive rights, God calls murder.
* I will take it a step further. Abortion is not just murder; it’s child sacrifice. Leviticus 18:21 speaks of a law that prohibits Israelites from sacrificing their children to the god Molech as many of the pagan nations would do. They would commit idolatry via child sacrifice.
* The same is true today, it’s just not to a god made of wood of metal.
  + Abortion is child sacrifice to the god of convenience.
  + Abortion is child sacrifice to the god of selfishness.
  + Abortion is a child sacrifice to the god of self.

**[IMPLICATIONS]**

**1. It is biblically impossible for a Christian to support abortion.**

* **[Romans 1:28-32]** 28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God’s righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

**2. It is biblically impossible for a Christian to stay silent on abortion.**

* **[Psalm 82:3]** 3 Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute. 4 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”
  + Who is more weak and needy than an unborn baby?
* **[Matthew 22:37-39]** 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
  + Who is your neighbor? The baby in the womb is your neighbor.
* **[Ephesians 5:11]** 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.
* **[Proverbs 24:11-12]** 11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. 12 If you say, “Behold, we did not know this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?

**4. This fight is not just a political fight, it is ultimately a spiritual fight.**

* **[Psalm 106:37-38]** 37 They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; 38 they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood.
* **[Ephesians 6:12]** 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.
* **[John 8:44]** 44 You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father’s desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

**5. There is forgiveness for anyone who had an abortion, who conducted an abortion (abortionist), who approved an apportion, who advised an abortion, or who contributed towards an abortion.**

* **[Romans 8:1]** 8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
* **[1 John 1:9]** 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**6. Aborted babies will go to heaven.**

* **[2 Samuel 12:23]** 23 But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.” 23 But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.”

**7. We must pray, pray, and pray some more.**

* Pray for our government officials.
  + **[1 Timothy 2:1-3]** 1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,
* Pray for women and men who are considering an abortion.
* Pray for abortionists that they would see the evil they are doing.
* Pray for organizations that are fighting the fight against abortion.
* Pray for pastors and their churches for the courage to do what is right and fight against abortion.
  + **[1 Timothy 3:15]** 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.
* Pray that God’s will be done on earth as it is in heaven. There is no abortion in heaven!

**[CONCLUSION]**

* **[Jeremiah 7:30-34]** 30 “For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, declares the LORD. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. 31 And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire, which I did not command, nor did it come into my mind. 32 Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when it will no more be called Topheth, or the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of Slaughter; for they will bury in Topheth, because there is no room elsewhere. 33 And the dead bodies of this people will be food for the birds of the air, and for the beasts of the earth, and none will frighten them away. 34 And I will silence in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, for the land shall become a waste.