

When You're Not Ready

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The news of a pregnancy can either be one of the greatest thrills in a couple's lives or it can be considered one of the greatest disasters. When a couple hears that they are pregnant and are not prepared for that child, whether due to the fact that they are not married or to their economic situation, they can quickly become desperate. In the woman's desperation, she may make foolish mistakes and it is critical that she know: "Hashem still loves you, absolutely loves this child, and He has a plan to get you through this time."

- **Jeremiah 1:5 HCSB** I chose you before I formed you in the womb; I set you apart before you were born. I appointed you a prophet to the nations.
- **Ephesians 2:10 HCSB** For we are His creation--created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them.
- **Romans 8:37-39 HCSB** No, in all these things we are more than victorious through Him who loved us. (38) For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, (39) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will have the power to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord!

God's view of the child

Even if you made a mistake, your child is not a mistake! God was not surprised by this pregnancy!

God is the Author of life.

- **Deuteronomy 32:39 HCSB** See now that I alone am He; there is no God but Me. I bring death and I give life; I wound and I heal. No one can rescue *anyone* from My hand.
- **Acts 3:15 HCSB** And you killed the source of life, whom God raised from the dead; we are witnesses of this.

God opens and closes wombs.

- **Genesis 29:31 HCSB** When the LORD saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.
- **1 Samuel 1:5 HCSB** But he gave a double portion to Hannah, for he loved her even though the LORD had kept her from conceiving.

God ordains every pregnancy – regardless of its circumstances.

- **Isaiah 44:24 HCSB** This is what the LORD, your Redeemer who formed you from the womb, says: I am the LORD, who made everything; who stretched out the heavens by Myself; who alone spread out the earth;

God creates every life.

- **Deuteronomy 32:6 HCSB** Is this how you repay the LORD, you foolish and senseless people? Isn't He your Father and Creator? Didn't He make you and sustain you?

God has plans for every single life conceived.

- [Jeremiah 29:11 HCSB](#) For I know the plans I have for you"--*this is* the LORD's declaration--"plans for *your* welfare, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
- [2 Peter 3:9 HCSB](#) The Lord does not delay His promise, as some understand delay, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance.

The way I see it, you have four options.

1. Abortion
2. Single parenting
3. Marriage
4. Adoption

From what I've already said, you can easily surmise that the elders of our congregation categorically oppose abortion on moral grounds. However, I don't want to browbeat you with ethical arguments. What I want to show you is that there is no good REASON to abort the child.

The following are considerations people often have that lead them to make the decision to abort and the reason it is not valid.

Our thoughts vs. God's thoughts

[Isaiah 55:7-9 HCSB](#) Let the wicked one abandon his way, and the sinful one his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, so He may have compassion on him, and to our God, for He will freely forgive. (8) "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways." *This is* the LORD's declaration. (9) "For as heaven is higher than earth, so My ways are higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

Q: I'm afraid of being rejected or ridiculed by others.

A: It is far more important that you be afraid of being rejected by God than any humans.

- [Matthew 10:28 HCSB](#) **Don't fear those who kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; rather, fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

Q: Friends and family are pressuring me to abort the baby.

A: There is no easy out but doing what God says is more important than doing what people say.

- [Acts 5:29 HCSB](#) But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than men.

Q: This will create problems with the father.

A: If he truly loves you, he will support you emotionally. If he will not support you emotionally through this, he never really loved you and will likely never really love you anyway.

- [Proverbs 18:24 HCSB](#) A man with many friends may be harmed, but there is a friend who stays closer than a brother.

Q: I don't want to be reminded of my mistake for the rest of my life.

A: The child is a reminder of God's sovereignty – not your mistake. He is able to take your mistake and make something good come of it.

- [Genesis 45:4-8 HCSB](#) Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Please, come near me," and they came near. "I am Joseph, your brother," he said, "the one you sold into Egypt. (5) And now don't be worried or angry with yourselves for selling me here, because God sent me ahead of you to preserve life... (7) God sent me ahead of you to establish

you as a remnant within the land and to keep you alive by a great deliverance. (8)
Therefore it was not you who sent me here, but God...

Q: I am not financially able to support this child.

A: God will provide for this child.

- **Luke 12:22-31 HCSB** Then He said to His disciples: "Therefore I tell you, don't worry about your life, what you will eat; or about the body, what you will wear. (23) For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. (24) Consider the ravens: they don't sow or reap; they don't have a storeroom or a barn; yet God feeds them. Aren't you worth much more than the birds? (25) Can any of you add a cubit to his height by worrying? (26) If then you're not able to do even a little thing, why worry about the rest? (27) "Consider how the wildflowers grow: they don't labor or spin thread. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these! (28) If that's how God clothes the grass, which is in the field today and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will He do for you--you of little faith? (29) Don't keep striving for what you should eat and what you should drink, and don't be anxious. (30) For the Gentile world eagerly seeks all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. (31) "But seek His kingdom, and these things will be provided for you.

Q: I don't want to bring an unwanted child into the world.

A: There is no such thing as an unwanted child. God wants this child. Someone, somewhere would love to have this child and you can choose to want it if you wish.

- **Psalms 127:3-5 HCSB** Sons are indeed a heritage from the LORD, children, a reward. (4) Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the sons born in one's youth. (5) Happy is the man who has filled his quiver with them. Such men will never be put to shame when they speak with *their* enemies at the city gate.

Q: The child may have possible health problems.

A: The value of a life is unrelated to its state of health.

- **Genesis 1:27 HCSB** So God created man in His own image; He created him in the image of God; He created them male and female.

Q: The fetus is not a child yet anyway.

A: A separate life begins at the moment of conception. In fact, if you want to get technical God knew this child when the child was yet minerals in the ground!

- **Psalms 139:13-16 HCSB** For it was You who created my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, because I have been remarkably and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful, and I know *this* very well. 15 My bones were not hidden from You when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all *my* days were written in Your book and planned before a single one of them began.

Q: Planned Parenthood lists abortion as a method of birth control.

A: Preventing the egg and sperm from uniting is different from killing the life that is formed by that union. In cases where an unborn fetus was harmed by a man, the Mosaic Law treated the fetus as a living person. If a man killed an unborn fetus, his punishment was death. If we were living under the Mosaic Law today, abortionists would be punished with death.

- [Exodus 21:22-25 HCSB](#) "When men get in a fight, and hit a pregnant woman so that her children are born *prematurely*, but there is no injury, the one who hit her must be fined as the woman's husband demands from him, and he must pay according to judicial assessment. [23](#) If there is an injury, then you must give life for life, [24](#) eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, [25](#) burn for burn, bruise for bruise, wound for wound.

Q: This baby was forced upon me due to a crime.

A: The person who harmed you may deserve death but not the innocent child. If you are going to punish someone, punish the criminal not one of the victims. Do not compound your grief with guilt.

- [Numbers 35:33 HCSB](#) "Do not defile the land where you are, for bloodshed defiles the land, and there can be no atonement for the land because of the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of the person who shed it.
- [Jeremiah 31:30 HCSB](#) Rather, each will die for his own wrongdoing. Anyone who eats sour grapes--his own teeth will be set on edge.
- [Ezekiel 18:4 HCSB](#) Look, every life belongs to Me. The life of the father is like the life of the son--both belong to Me. The person who sins is the one who will die.