Who Is My Neighbor?

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Abortion may seem like an issue that doesn't directly affect our lives. Many of us are well past the age in which abortion is a direct, personal matter. And many in the church leadership view abortion as a rather nasty political issue .... Best put off because it causes division and conflict ...

But what does Scripture say? Why is abortion a core threat to the Gospel?

Why should we care? What responsibility is it of mine to worry what a stranger might do to her child?

This is the essential question put to our Lord in the Gospel of Luke by an expert in the law: "*and who is my neighbor ?"*

Jesus answered with the parable of the Good Samaritan. A man was beaten on the road by robbers. A Samaritan ... a man estranged from Israel ... came upon the wounded stranger. The Samaritan treated his wounds ... carried him to an innkeeper and paid for his stay.

Jesus asks the young lawyer ... which of the 3 men who encountered the victim served as a neighbor? The priest who stepped over him? The Levite who went by on the far side of the road? Or the Samaritan ... who took pity on the bleeding stranger? The lawyer had to confess the obvious: the Samaritan was the good neighbor.

Jesus concludes the lesson by commanding ... "*Go and do likewise.*"

The Apostle Paul tells us in Romans: "love your neighbor as yourself... therefore love is the fulfillment of the law".

James calls this commandment to love .. The "Royal Law" found in Scripture: Love your neighbor as yourself.

Applied to the Abortion Holocaust, it is clear that we, as Believers, do not have a choice. We have a duty to defend that innocent baby threatened by abortion. We have a duty to care for that scared and broken mother.

James further writes …

"*religion that God our father accepts as pure and faultless is this:*

to look after orphans and widows in their distress …."

There it is my brothers and sisters: Clear and unavoidable as recipients of God's mercy … our duty before Him:

We must show mercy. We cannot look away from the grave threat posed by Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry.

The initiative they're peddling across Idaho would restore abortion on demand in our beloved state. It would renew the victimization of vulnerable women and girls …

They seek to resume the destruction of some 2200 innocent babies each and every year…We simply must not accept their evil dominion over Idaho's future.

We cannot allow them to drag us back into the darkness of the Roe Era.

So … what … exactly …. Can YOU do to help us fight this evil?

The most important thing … the <u>first</u> thing … is to be in regular prayer. We ask for your prayers in coming weeks … we ask you to be in prayer for Idaho Chooses Life. And for our neighbors.

To get our message of hope out to Idahoans … will take a good deal of money. Therefore …we must also ask that you put your faith into action by supporting us financially.

Please consider making a donation through our website: IdahoChoosesLife.org.

Please consider supporting us each and every month during this colossal battle.

Let us pray together that the Lord will deliver us from this evil. May He help us to choose Life.

And always … "Go and do likewise!"