

A Prophetic Voice

Mark 6:14-29
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John's Fearless Preaching

- Herod's Guilt
- John's Death

John's Preaching

"John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins."
(Mk 1:4-5)

John's Preaching

"But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father"; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham.'" (Mt 3:7-9)

Our Challenge

- The "taboos" have changed
- God sets the standards
- Courage is required

The Case of Abortion

- Why this issue matters

God Knew You

"For You formed my inward parts; You wove me in my mother's womb. I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are Your works, And my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from You. .

God Knew You

"When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Your book were all written The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them." (Ps. 139:13-16)

The Case of Abortion

- Why this issue matters
- What about. . .
- A test case
- What can we do?

Further Resource on this Topic

- Sanctity of Life handbook from Focus on the Family
- <http://StandUpGirl.com/> is a Web site for young women who face unexpected pregnancies. It includes fetal development information and a confidential crisis pregnancy help line.
- How to find a pregnancy center:
<http://www.optionline.org/advantage.asp>

Further Resources (cont.)

- Help with Post Abortion Syndrome:
<http://www.troubledwith.com/LoveandSex/PostAbortionSynd.cfm>
- A powerful short video about a woman struggling with her decision about abortion:
<http://www.sermonspice.com/videos/500/destiny>