

A Conversation about Abortion

Friend: I don't get it, Sarah. If your church believes so strongly in choice, then why are you against a woman choosing to have an abortion?

Sarah: It's going to take a minute to explain. Let's talk after class.

[Class ends]

Sarah: Okay. Let me try to answer your question. We have to step back and look at a bigger picture than just what happens here in this life. When you do, you can see that there's more going on with abortion than just ending a pregnancy.

Friend: What does that mean?

Sarah: I guess my feelings on this are based on my understanding of the purpose of life. Well, what I mean is, life doesn't begin with birth or end with death. We lived before we came to earth, and we continue to live after we die.

Friend: Do you really believe that?

Sarah: Yeah, I do. Heavenly Father has a plan for our lives. Part of that plan is to come to earth and get a body. And as part of that plan, Heavenly Father shares with us the power to create other bodies. But He commands us to use it only in marriage. So if we use that power and choose to invite life, and then turn around and destroy it, that goes against God's purpose in even giving it to us in the first place. We're taking into our own hands powers reserved for Him. God gives us freedom of choice, but with it comes responsibility for our choices. So if we choose to use that power, we have to deal with the consequences of that choice. Does that make sense?

Friend: Yeah, it does. Thanks.

