

Message Notes 10/18/26

Let's Talk About [] - Sanctity of Life

- Silence doesn't make hard issues disappear; it just means people have to wrestle with them somewhere else.
- What makes a human life valuable?
- Genesis 1:27–28 (NLT)
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- Human life is unique from all other earthly life.
- Humans have a unique relationship with God.
- God could become human because we were made in His image.
- Life's value comes from whose image we bear, not what we can do.
- Genesis 1:28 (NLT) Then God blessed them and said, "Be **fruitful and multiply**. Fill the earth and govern it. **Reign** over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground."
- Proverbs 31:8–9 (NLT) Speak up for those who **cannot speak** for themselves; ensure justice for those **being crushed**. Yes, speak up for the **poor** and **helpless**, and see that they get **justice**.
- Psalm 82:3–4 (NLT) "Give **justice** to the **poor** and the **orphan**; uphold the rights of the **oppressed** and the **destitute**. Rescue the **poor** and **helpless**; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.
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 - God’s justice asks, “How do I restore what is right?”
- Justice
 - Accountability
 - Restoration
 - Protection
- Less power never means less value.
- Psalm 139:13–16 (NLT) You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and **knit me together** in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so **wonderfully complex**! Your **workmanship is marvelous**—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb.
- Frame: Knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- Psalm 139:16 (NLT) You **saw me** before I was born. **Every day** of my life **was recorded** in your book. Every **moment** was **laid out** before a single day had passed.
- Frame: Knit me together in my mother’s womb.
 - Life: Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed

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- Romans 3:23 (NLT) For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.
- Romans 3:24 (NLT) Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight.
- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

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- We have to be willing to help carry the cost of valuing it

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