

“Are You Aborting The Word?”

Mary was chosen to carry the Son and when told she promptly said, “Be it unto me according to your Word” (Luke 1:38). She modeled *prompt obedience to the complete unknown*. What have you been chosen to carry now and in the coming seasons? What dream or vision is alive in your heart? As a disciple you are called to carry the Son 24/7/365. It is a nonnegotiable in our Father’s eyes. I suspect many walk around with plans and agendas of their own or others, all the while asking for the Father’s blessings on them out of selfishness, tradition, or ritual, but may not be about the Father’s intended business for them. If it is not of Him it is a deadly substitute—an illegitimate vision which will sap your time and energy and produce no real fruit of righteousness or harvest for His glory. There are no shortcuts to God’s perfect plan. He has had it all figured out from the beginning and our job is to get in on what He’s doing in *His* timing. Mary said it all. “Be it unto me according to your Word.” Mary’s purpose and destiny in life as well as yours was there from the beginning of time. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14). The Word will come to you today in many ways if you have eyes to see, ears to hear, and a mind to perceive. The most obvious and sadly underutilized way the Word comes to us is in black and white—the alive written Word, The Bible. Show me someone who is in love with Jesus and I’ll show you someone who loves the Word. They are one and the same. We have to get into the Word so the Word gets into us. We read the Word so the Word can read us. Listen for the “Word” emphasis in the following scriptures: “Meditate on it day and night so that you will be careful to do all that is in it...The Word is a lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path...If it were not for the scriptures I would have perished in my afflictions...For the Word is living and active and sharper than a double-edged sword...He sent forth His Word and healed them...He watches over His Word to perform it...Man does not live by bread alone but by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of God...He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.” Jesus said, “You are in error because you don’t know the scriptures or the power of God” (Matthew 22:29). The Word and the Spirit are in perfect unity. Man is not to dissect them apart. Man is not to abort them. Listen closely to these next three sentences which I once heard. “The Word without the Spirit you will dry up. The Spirit without the Word you will blow up. The Word with the Spirit you will grow up.” The Word and the Spirit must come together in both emphasis and experience. The power to obey the Word is the power of the Holy Spirit given by God’s grace. It was that grace obedience that caused Mary to promptly obey what was spoken to her. That Word can also come to you in the spoken form from anyone or anything God chooses to speak through. If it is a true Word it will *always* line up with the written Word. It will never contradict the Word. Many will abort the Word coming to them because they are unfamiliar with the channel. That too is abortion of the Word. Remember that the traditions of man can negate the Word of God. Oh, how I do not want to abort any form of God’s Word coming to grow me, to convict me of sin, to warn me, to encourage me, etc. How many times and how many ways can we abort the Word He is wanting for us? As graphic as this may be I can think of no more powerful analogy than the one of physical abortion. “First in the natural, then in the spiritual” (1 Corinthians 15:46). Please think about this for a moment. When America started legally aborting babies with Roe v. Wade, did we not see an ever increasing, rapidly escalating abortion of the Word in the hearts of the people, the home, the schools, the Church, the entertainment industry, the business world, etc.? Every aspect of our society has been under curses evoked through choosing abortion as the law of this land.

Let’s move on with the analogy of the analogy. You are probably familiar with the parable of the four soils (Matthew 13:1-9, Mark 4:3-20, Luke 8:4-8). You might be so familiar with this parable that you could say it without your Bible. Sometimes we can become so familiar with a

passage or passages of scripture that we can miss the Spirit speaking. The Word should be meditated on fresh and new with each reading. Before God hit me over the head with this abortion analogy, I used to think that the parable of the soils just applied to new believers and was not too relevant for me anymore. I read it so many times through pride-filled eyes. Let the Word speak for itself and then I will attempt to explain the abortion analogy. "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky paths, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times. Then Jesus said, 'He who has ears let him hear... The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word was sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and receive at once with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on the good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times what was sown' " (Mark 4: 3-9, 14-20). The abortion analogy will be graphic but serves to remind us that as disgusting as abortion of an alive baby is, the abortion of the alive Word in our hearts should be as well. The Bible says that the Word is very near us—it is in our hearts and is in our mouths. Do we allow it to produce a crop thirty, sixty, one-hundred times what was sown, or does it get aborted before full-term? There are many forms of abortion but three of the most common forms line up exactly with the first three soils Jesus describes in the parable. The most common form of abortion is performed in the first trimester and is called D & C (dilatation and curettage). The uterus is dilated and scraped then the baby is sucked away like the birds eating up the seed along the path. The death of the seed on the rocky places is represented by another form of abortion using a chemical such as RU486. It blocks hormones responsible for maintaining the lining of the uterus so the baby literally withers (starves) because of no moisture or nutrients. This is exactly what happens to the baby plants when the seed is sown on rocky places—"... and they withered because they had no root." It's difficult to even describe the abortion method which represents the thorns choking out the growing plants. This salt poisoning method is used for babies over four months. Salt is injected into their amniotic sac and the baby sucks it in; chokes, burns, and slowly dies. "The worries of this life, the deceitfulness of death, and the desires for other things" come in and choke the word making it unfruitful. I'm literally nauseated and grieved to read these and other abortion methods. I've spared describing late-term, or so called partial-birth abortion which are actually not abortion in the true sense of the word. There is no such thing as a partial birth just as there is no partial death. The baby is beyond the sealed womb. The cervix is open and its runway is scene of the gruesome murder. There is no way not to be grieved by this and its consequences in our society. Our hearts must become aware and grieved too by the abortion of the alive Word in our society. I should become more moved when I abort the Word in my life. Maybe I've had victory in some areas but I am aborting what He says in other areas. Believers have chosen to abort the Word and it's time for that to be overturned. Godly sorrow leads us to repentance. Let's start now. Purpose to produce a hundred-fold crop because you choose to carry the Son to full term in your life. Be it unto you according to the Word.

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