

LifeTalk
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Mark: Welcome to the show, we've got a lot to talk about this month and we'll get right to it after Alan Ackels brings us the news.

Alan: Thanks Mark. In Missouri, the Springfield Healthcare Center has closed its doors, equipment and furniture have been sold. The death camp closed after it was apparently unable to comply with a new state law requiring that all abortionists in the state must have emergency admitting privileges at a hospital within 30 miles of the facility where they perform abortions. This abortion mill's only abortionists was being brought in from out of state and no local hospital would grant him privileges. The state's governor, Matt Blunt, applauded the closure and told the congregation at his Baptist church that he would continue to use his political muscle to end abortion and route Planned Parenthood from the public school system.

In 1982, California abortionist, Lawrence Reich, was convicted of sexually abusing 3 of his customers and given a 10 year probation. Pro-life activist, Cheryl Sullenger, later warned the medical board which oversees his license that allowing a known sex-offender like Reich to return to practice would put women in jeopardy. Despite the obvious risk, the board refused to take action. In 2002, Reich was once again convicted for sexually abusing abortion customers. However, 3 years later, he is still in the abortion business and the medical board has yet to take action. A disciplinary hearing has been scheduled for February 2006, however, such hearings have been postponed in the past.

A new study in the New England Journal of Medicine says that a screening test has been developed that can identify Down Syndrome in the 1st trimester of pregnancy. The leader of the

study, Fergal Malone, said that the benefit of this new test is that it can allow the mothers of these children to have them killed earlier in the pregnancy, and avoid a later and more risky abortion. A spokeswoman with the National Institute of Health & Human Development agreed, saying 'this is huge'. Malone went on to say that in the light of this study all pregnant women should be tested in the first trimester.

In Washington, Congresswoman Melissa Hart and Senator Elizabeth Dole have introduced legislation to reduce the abortion rate of women 18 to 25 years old. If passed, it would allocate \$10 million dollars to be spent on college programs and services to help pregnant students who don't want to have an abortion. Unfortunately, the bill faces an uncertain future as it only has 4 co-sponsors in the House and none in the Senate. Some supporters speculate that a lack of leadership by Republican members of Congress could doom the legislation before it even gets off the ground.

In New Jersey, a woman enforcer for a ring that smuggled women into the US and forced them to work as prostitutes, admitted that she and others involved in the human trafficking trade routinely forced these victims to undergo abortions when they became pregnant. In one case, an abortion drug was given but failed to work, and the woman's baby was born in a toilet and later died.

Finally, the Baptist General Convention of Texas has given an award for 'lifetime achievement in Practical Christian ethics' to Waco Congressman Chet Edwards. The award was presented by former Baylor University president, Herb Reynolds, at a ceremony in Dallas. Life Dynamics president, Mark Crutcher, said that 'giving such an award to a radical pro-abortion political hack like Edwards is both a disgrace and a scandal'. For daily updates log on to prolifeamerican.com. Mark, back to you

Mark: Thanks Alan. Well not a whole lot of news this month, a light news month, Cherie.

Cherie: It was shorter.

Mark: Right. We do have a new nominee to the Supreme Court after the Harriet Miers debacle ended, ungraciously I think. We've got a new guy appointed to the Supreme Court, when this appointment first came down I did a show in Maryland (a talk show), some people called me and asked me what I thought about it. My initial thought was 'this looks like a really good nominee, it looked like a home run'. Since then, I've begun to have some second thoughts about this deal. We've got an attorney in New Jersey who's had some experience with Judge Alito, who's joining us now. Richard Collier, hello Richard.

Richard: Good morning.

Mark: Thank you for joining us.

Richard: My pleasure.

Mark: You've had some experience with Judge Alito as I understand. Before we get to that I also want to bring people up to date on a really big victory you had in a lawsuit against Englewood Abortion mill. Can you tell us a little bit about that?

Richard: Sure. The Englewood mill is notorious for doing 1,500 partial birth abortions a year. We've had a number of run ins with them over the years. They are upset that the sidewalk counselors and the people praying outside have turned away some of their business. Last year they sued the picketers and sidewalk counselors outside to get them to be moved across the street and they also sued the Legal Center for the Defense of Life, which was

the law firm that represents the sidewalk counselors and pro-lifers outside.

Mark: You're the President of that association?

Richard: I am. We defended against the case and had the case thrown out of court and then we turned around and sued the abortion mill for legal fees for the filing of a frivolous lawsuit. There was no basis for the lawsuit either factually or legally speaking. So we filed a suit against them, the trial judge dismissed our claim for legal fees but last month the appellate court here in New Jersey reversed the trial judge and sent the case back to the trial court for further proceedings, that's where we are now.

Mark: That's great. I hope you make them bleed on that deal.

Richard: We put in a big bill and we'll see what happens.

Mark: I was telling Cherie a moment ago that when this Alito nomination came down I was actually pretty encouraged early on by what I was hearing. As time has gone on I've become a little less encouraged and I know that you've had some legal relationship with Judge Alito in the past. Can you tell us a little about that, and what your thoughts are on this nominee?

Richard: Yes, I was the attorney who was hired by the New Jersey legislature to defend the New Jersey partial birth abortion statute in federal court when it was challenged by Planned Parenthood and the ACLU. When the case went up on appeal Judge Alito was one of the 3 judges who heard the appeal. After the Stenberg case came down the court of appeals, including Judge Alito, affirmed the New Jersey judge and ruled against us, upholding the challenge to the partial birth statute. So New Jersey's statute was thrown out with Judge Alito's assistance. He wrote a concurring opinion, he didn't actually join in the opinion of the other judges but his

concurring opinion said nothing favorable to us and simply said 'well, Stenberg is the law, so we're going to follow Stenberg and that's it'. My view of it was because I had a motion pending before the court of appeals asking them to send the case to the New Jersey Supreme Court so that the state court could narrow the statute in order to make it constitutional. But the court of appeals wouldn't even do that. In my view there was a way for Judge Alito to rule on the case to avoid the constitutional attack on the statute, but he didn't take it. I think that plus the 3 other cases that he ruled on make me very nervous about his commitment to overturning Roe.

Mark: A couple weeks ago we saw a situation where the liberals in the senate came out with the thing that he'd applied for a job with the Reagan administration and talked about how badly decided Roe was and everybody got real excited about that for a couple days. Then we hear that he'd told some senators that he'd had meetings with that he had grown since then and that the opinions he had at time, he was just giving them just to get a job. As if I lied on this application to get this job, but that he had evolved over time and that he now had this new respect for staryy decises or for historical precedent in the Supreme Court.

Richard: That's one of the things that makes me very nervous about his decisions on the abortion cases that he sat on. Not only were the results pro-abortion, but also his reasoning to reach those results was extremely deferential to the existing precedent such as Roe and Stenberg.

Mark: If we're going to take this view that because something was said in the past about a particular subject by the Supreme Court that has to stand forever, we'd still have slavery.

Richard: That's true. We don't need the kind of deference on our side that the other side certainly doesn't honor in any way. Look at

the whole issue of homosexuality in 1986 the Supreme Court upheld a sodomy statute and then in the Lawrence case (11 or 12 years later) they struck it down. There certainly wasn't anything said about sticking with precedence there.

Mark: Certainly. Liberals have this habit of talking about the constitution as a living document, we've all heard that. It has to be changed for the times. Then when it comes to Roe v Wade this is supposed to be etched in granite and can't be even talked about much less changed.

Richard: Sure. I would have expected somebody who's supposedly as brilliant and intellectual as Judge Alito is, to have used these cases in the past to start building the intellectual foundation for getting rid of Roe.

Mark: Absolutely.

Richard: And we didn't see any of that.

Mark: We don't see that. Again I think we're in the same place we are with John Roberts. We're not going to know for years what we've got here.

Richard: Unfortunately it's not just John Roberts, it's Sandra Day O'Connor, Anthony Kennedy, David Souter, we were all told at that time that they were personally committed to the pro-life position, and they turned out not to be.

Mark: All of them appointed by Republicans.

Richard: Absolutely.

Cherie: We need not get our hopes up?

Mark: I'm just saying we don't know, we just continue the fight and whatever happens with the Supreme Court happens, in the pro-life movement we have refused to demand of people in order to get our votes that they will have a commitment to overturn Roe v Wade, return legal protection to the unborn child. Until we do that I think the political process and the judicial process is outside of our realm of interest.

Richard: That's true. If you look at the other side again, whenever they appoint Supreme Court justices they make no bones about it, they're going to get somebody who's going to uphold Roe and committed to uphold Roe. If our side just picks these stealth candidates whose views are unknown constantly, let's say we get 50% of those candidates, the math is never going to work out in our favor. 100% for the other side and 50% for us, doesn't add up.

Mark: Right. I keep pointing out to people that say we have to trust and be patient and all that, I say give me the example of 1 good positive surprise toward our side on the Supreme Court. It has never happened. Richard, thanks for joining us.

Richard: Thank you Mark. To you and your audience a very happy Thanksgiving, a little early.

Mark: Thank you for being with us.

Richard: God bless you.

Mark: God bless you. We'll have to wait and see. We're always big here on talking about the sin of the church being not involved in the abortion issue. We just had a thing on the news about the General Baptist Convention of Texas giving an award to this hardcore rabid pro-abortion, political hack from Waco. Occasionally we see some good news, and you had a little bit, tell us about it.

Cherie: We always talk about how churches don't do anything or get involved or say anything, it's a political issue ... there is a church in Cedar Hill, Texas, Trinity Church, happens to be Assembly of God not Baptist or Catholic. They did a bang up job at what they call Hell House. It is an alternative to haunted houses in October. They do it every weekend in October for the last 15 years and I've attended several years. This year we took some people from our church, youth group and things like that, the reaction was unbelievable. They're out there putting different scenes in Hell House.

Mark: You travel through it.

Cherie: That's right you travel through it. It might be an abusive dad or school shooting, one of the scenes is an abortion scene. The boy involved is saying 'I've got a scholarship to this college and I'm doing this and I'm not getting weighed down by this'

Mark: The typical pressure we hear.

Cherie: That's right. The girl is on the table having doubts saying 'I don't know that I want to do this and this may not be the right thing' all of that. The point about the whole thing for me is that 'wow, they were doing something'. They had Hard Truth playing on a couple screens and music pounding, building up the intensity. They've been on local news, asked 'how can you put this stuff on'?

Mark: This is something that's done in churches around the country, not very many unfortunately. We had some really good experiences, we had a young lady that you brought in today for us to talk about this, what she saw as someone who's a teenager going through this. Her name is Erin Lewis, thank you for joining us Erin.

Erin: Hi, thanks for having me.

Mark: Tell us what your experiences were, what did you think about this before you went in?

Erin: I didn't know what I was expecting before I went in. I thought it was just going to be something I saw and something that I knew happened everyday. But after I went in I came out in tears because it was so intense and my friend even walked out in the middle of the scene because she threw up because it was so intense.

Mark: You're talking about specifically the abortion part?

Erin: Yes. But the whole thing was very good, but just the abortion part was emotional.

Mark: I understand that you had a pretty powerful reaction to it afterward?

Erin: Yes, I rededicated my life to Christ afterwards because I'm so grateful for what I have and what I go through every day it's nothing compared to what people go through each day.

Cherie: Erin, we don't know the people around us in school and class and even church sometimes, what they may be going through, they might have had an abortion or they might be considering one or they might have a really rough family life, there were a few of those scenes in there. So we never know who's around us even some friends you kind of know or getting to know.

Mark: Erin, have you had an opportunity to talk to any of the other kids in private that went since this happened? What were their observations if you did?

Erin: They thought it was amazing just like I did. They thought that every scene had a different opinion about things and it totally changed all of our perspectives on life and how we live and we're just grateful for what we have and we try to help people through this now that we understand what's going on.

Mark: Have you had any reason to believe that some girl from your church (you go to the same church as Cherie I understand) has had an abortion and may be suffering as a result of it? Has anyone talked to you about anything like that?

Erin: Not really. It doesn't come up a lot. I haven't really known anybody personally who's had an abortion, but if I ever met someone, I'd know how it felt and how to react to it.

Mark: Right. Cherie, we've seen that people, even in your church, have condemned this.

Cherie: This church has gotten heat from other churches, not just 'how can you do this, this is a horrible thing to put in front of people's face'. People need to be seeing it and say 'this is the real deal', don't shoot the messenger.

Mark: I know you caused some flack at your church, this is a good southern missionary Baptist church.

Cherie: Even more conservative.

Mark: Right. Yet, you caught flack for that. That's pretty amazing.

Cherie: It is, I was shocked.

Mark: Pretty sad. Erin, thanks for being with us. Your voice brings something to the table that neither Cherie or I can bring, we appreciate you being with us.

Erin: Thank you for having me.

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Mark: Welcome back. One of the most controversial issues over the last 10-15 years in the battle between the pro-aborts and us has been the issue of the relationship between abortion and breast cancer, the ABC link, as its often called. Joining me now from New York is Dr Joel Brind from the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute. Hello, Joel.

Joel: Hi.

Mark: I've always admired you, you're really the guy who got this whole thing started in my view. You've been at this a long time, talking about this link between abortion and breast cancer. Now there have been reports in the medical community, studies that have shown that there is no link. You have refuted those studies and you're about to be published in a couple weeks as I understand, refuting all the studies that are saying there is no link. Tell us a little about that.

Joel: Yes. What you're describing is sort of a counter offensive of what you might call main-stream medical research. They were acknowledging research showing an abortion breast cancer link in the mid 1990's. A study came out in 1994 that was published by the National Cancer Institute. It looked like the water was just about going over the dam. Then I and colleagues from Pennsylvania State University published a study that put together all the research and showed, yes, indeed there was a significant link, that had been shown in most of the research that had been done going back to 1957. Since then in the last 9 years there's been a counter offensive of 10 different studies from all over the world, from China, the US, from England, Scotland, Scandinavia. They supposedly showed that the earlier studies were no good and these new wonderful studies which are based on medical records really show there is no link. The paper that is coming out on the 1st of December (next week) is my detailed analysis of all of those studies that have come out showing how they basically amount a massive fraud that's being put over the medical research community. My paper is coming out in the Journal of the American Physicians and Surgeons, a peer reviewed journal and hopefully it'll have some impact.

Mark: Great. Let's make sure the audience understands what we're talking about here, is the physiology of it. Let's bring in one of your colleagues from the Breast Cancer of Vincent Institute, Dr Angela Lanfranchi. Angela, are you there?

Angela: Yes, I am.

Mark: What we'd like for you to do is give us the biology behind this. What is the relationship between abortion and breast cancer, why would abortion be a contributing factor to breast cancer in women?

Angela: What happens right at conception is your estrogen levels start to rise and in the presence of progesterone that you have while you're pregnant, this estrogen progesterone combination makes your breasts develop. One of the earliest signs of pregnancy is sore and tender breasts. I think every woman who's ever been pregnant knows that their breasts actually double in volume by the first 2 trimesters. What's happening is the doubling of the volume initially is of the type 1 and 2 lobules. Before a full term pregnancy a woman's breast is predominately 70% type 1 lobules, that's where ductal cancer starts. Ductal cancers represent 80% of all breast cancers. It's only after 32 weeks of pregnancy that these lobules differentiate into type 3 lobules, which are resistant to carcinogens. So if you cut a pregnancy short before 32 weeks, what you've done is left that woman's breasts with more places for cancers to start. Any premature delivery before 32 weeks will also more than double breast cancer risks, there've been several papers that have show that.

Mark: What you're saying is this idea that there may be a link between abortion and breast cancer is not something the pro-life movement dreamed up in order to frighten women away from the abortion issue. There is a medical basis for this.

Angela: It's a basic breast physiology that you can find in any standard text book. One of the complicating issues was 23% of all conceptions will end in a spontaneous abortion or a miscarriage in the first trimester, would those women also be at risk, and they're not. That's because those pregnancies are associated with low estrogen levels, so often a woman will miscarry and say 'you know I didn't even know I was pregnant and I had this miscarriage'. That's because she wasn't feeling the effects of elevated progesterone and estrogen levels making her breasts sore and tender, making her nauseous. So spontaneous abortions in the first trimester will not increase risks, a full term pregnancy will decrease risks but an abortion or a premature delivery before 32

weeks, where the breasts have undergone their normal physiologic changes increasing the number of type 1 and 2 lobules before they've developed the cancer resistant type 3 lobules, that is the basis of the abortion breast cancer link. Simply that the woman is left with more places for breast cancers to start.

Mark: Wow. As a non-medical trained person, it seems pretty obvious to me, elemental almost, what's the argument against it? Why would someone say there is no possibility that abortion can lead to breast cancer?

Angela: I think partly was lack of education. The developmental changes that occur during pregnancy were probably only worked out in the 1980's. As a breast surgeon, when I go to large meetings that last for 3 days, I've never been at a meeting where they've had a talk on breast physiology and the physiologic basis for what gives you increased breast cancer risks.

Mark: I want to bring Dr Brinn back here for a moment. Joel, as you may know we put out years ago I wrote a book called 'connections' which looked at the possibility of a link between abortion and breast cancer. I used a tremendous amount of your stuff and some things put out by Scott Sommerville and some others who had looked at this. We had a board certified oncologist in Dallas look it over, we weren't asking him is there a link. We asked if our science was correct, were we making any claims that weren't true? A physician friend of mine also looked it over. Then we took this book called 'connections' and we sent it to every oncologist in the US and every ob/gyn in the US, along with a cover letter. We specifically told them we were not asking them if there was a link between abortion and breast cancer, all we asked was 'do you believe there is enough evidence of a link to justify a large study to see if there was a connection between these two. We didn't get 1 single breast cancer research organization, (we sent it

to 742 breast cancer research organizations), not 1 would even respond to our inquiry.

Joel: That's because our breast cancer prevention institute didn't exist at that time, we would have responded.

Mark: You would have responded, but you didn't exist at that time. One of the largest ones is here in Dallas, the Susan G Komen Foundation. When we got no responses, I took it upon myself to call there and I asked if they got my book. They said 'oh, we've got it'. I asked the woman who claimed she was a physician 'what did you think'? She said 'I read the first part of it, and it's just anti-choice pap', she dismissed it. I asked her if she thought there was a least enough evidence of a link, if someone came out and said 'we have 1 study in Uganda that says there may be a link between McDonald's sauce they put on hamburgers and breast cancer', you'd study that. I asked her 'why won't you look at this'? The woman hung up on me. What is the problem here? I think the breast cancer research thing is a cash cow for some of these organizations and they see this as a threat to it and also they're pro-aborts like this woman at Susan G Komen. Now Susan G Komen is giving money to Planned Parenthood. What is your thought on this?

Joel: Right. I think it's more ideology than money. This is the sacred sacrament of the pro-abortion, modern secular religion. The reason they can argue is because they have hijacked the mechanisms of promoting information, giving information to the public. So they have academia and the medical research establishments, the major journals, the major medical societies, so the reason they can argue there is no abortion breast cancer link is they say 'we are the national cancer institute and we say it isn't so, we are the world health organization, we say it isn't so, we are the American cancer society and we say it isn't so'. Here are these papers we have to support it and then they take data and they twist

it and actually just bend databases beyond recognition in order to come up with the politically correct conclusions.

Mark: It is amazing deal. As an outsider looking in on the medical research industry if you will, I was never very knowledgeable of it. But when I wrote Lime 5 and some other things that we've done, and especially what goes on at the CDC for example, (the CDC for people who don't know, is a government agency that is charged with the responsibility of surveiling the nations healthcare industry, has 6,000 employees, has a budget of a quarter of a million dollars an hour 24 hours a day 365 days a year, it is a gigantic organization) the intellectual dishonesty that we have found at the CDC, not only over the breast cancer issue but over abortion injuries and morbidity and mortality, the studies they put out, which they filter through the abortion industry, through Alan Guttmacher. It seems to me the American people need to know that the people that are overseeing the American healthcare industry are crooks, basically.

Joel: Right. This is why I often get requests from people that I give talks to, they say 'well, shouldn't there be more research, let's have more money for research and especially legislature's will say well, let's get some more money for research' and the research goes to the usual suspects, it's routed through the National Cancer Institute most of it. Then it's just going to be more of the same kind of bad studies. Basically, fraudulent studies out to prove that abortion and breast cancer are not linked. One thing people also don't understand is when they hear about corruption and they hear about corruption for example among the National Institute of Health scientists, they think 'oh, this National Cancer Institute of Health or this NIH researcher has been on the take because they're consultants for some big drug company and oh, that's corrupt', and there is some of that going on. But if you want to know about corruption the old adage is to follow the money. Most of the money is public money, the National Cancer Institute is federal

agency, it funds most of the cancer research in the US and a good part of it in the rest of the world and that's where most of the corruption is. It's these career scientists. People might say 'well, you mean these career scientists are mostly pro-choice'? They're not really pro-choice, the people who actually control the purse strings for research on abortion and breast cancer or other issues of cancer and especially the politically sensitive ones, these are people for example like Lyn Rosenberg, Julie Palmer and others are those who volunteer to represent abortion clinics to go into court and block laws that prevent an abortion clinic from letting your middle school guidance counselor drag your 12 year old off to an abortion without your knowledge. These are people who even in 'pro-choice terms' are way outside the mainstream. It's pro-abortion extremists who actually control the purse strings at the National Cancer Institute and that's why we are where we are.

Mark: A parallel to that is what we found at the CDC when I wrote Lime 5. The CDC has 6,000 employees but 1 person there oversees the output of the statistics on morbidity and mortality from abortion. The current person is a board member of the Alan Guttmacher Institute. The person who has served in that capacity the longest is Dr David Grimes. When he was working we have a document here through the freedom of information act, that proved that when he was working at the CDC, approving or disapproving all the morbidity and mortality statistics on abortion, he was moonlighting as an abortionist in an Atlanta abortion mill.

Joel: Yes.

Mark: Do we think for a moment that we're going to get good figures on that? Let me bring Dr Lanfanchi back, Angela, when we wrote the 'connections' book we noticed there was no federal money being put out to study the link between abortion and breast cancer. About that same time, they released millions of dollars to study the link between breast cancer and the spraying of DDT,

which had been outlawed since 1972. I thought it was outrageous, am I off base on that?

Angela: I think we should look into the environment, but part of our environment is all of the estrogens that are in our ground water because the human body can't metabolize them. The ones that we take synthetically through our mouths as birth control, and it gets in the ground water, so what about all of the feed additives that are given to cattle to get them to grow faster, those are estrogenic compounds. There may be some link between that, but just basic human physiology tells you why the abortion breast cancer link is real. There are studies done in rats, where rats are given a chemical that induces breast cancers to form. The rats that have had a litter of pups and given this chemical, don't form breast cancers, but the rats that have been aborted about 78% of them form breast cancers. Now those rats don't have a political agenda. I think that if you had the preponderance of the data, like you have with the abortion breast cancer link, and a viable biologic plausibility based on our normal physiology that everybody agrees upon, the only part they don't agree upon is the abortion breast cancer link. Interestingly when you have the analogy of premature deliveries before 32 weeks being physiologically the same as an abortion in a woman, when the NCI had their February 2003 workshop that came to the conclusion there was so not a link between abortion and breast cancer it shouldn't even be studied anymore, when they came to the part about 'well then why would premature deliveries before 32 weeks more than double breast cancer risks' they called it an epidemiologic gap, they just couldn't quite understand that. If they just read their physiology they would have.

Mark: We're out of time, we could go on about this forever, it's obviously a tragedy what's happening here, it's a scam. Thanks for being with us Joel and Angela. Now it's time for Gospel of Life with Father Frank Pavone and Janet Morena. Father Frank.

Father: Thanks Mark. Today our co-host Janet Morena and I are joined by our special guest Charnette Masee. Welcome. Janet, tell us about Charnette.

Janet: I first met Charnette several years ago, she came to the Silent No More awareness campaign, one of our events where Charnette spoke out about her abortion and about the fact that she later on had breast cancer as a result of the risk it put her in because of her abortion. It was a very powerful testimony and I thought it would be a good idea for our viewers to have the opportunity to speak with Charnette today.

Father: Thanks for joining us, you've been on some of our other programs and at the Silent No More awareness gathering. Tell us how you came to have an abortion.

Charnette: I was 20 years old and I never thought that I would ever enter an abortion facility, at least I hoped I would not have. I remember the day I went home and I told my boyfriend at the time that I was pregnant and he looked at me and said 'are you going to have an abortion'? When he said that, that's when I knew that he was not going to be the one to marry me and take care of me and our baby. So he took me to the abortion facility. It was a very dramatic experience, I'll never forget waking up and this woman standing over me saying 'your fine you're going to be ok' and then she sat me down and gave me a cup of tea and 2 tylenol and she said 'this will help you with your pain'. I never knew, looking back now, how much pain I was really really going to be in for the rest of my life.

Janet: When did you face your abortion?

Charnette: I did not face my abortion until I was forced to face it. Even getting pregnant with Gabrielle, I want to make sure I say

this 'I basically lost my fertility after my abortion, it was not easy for me to get pregnant'. I didn't even know I was pregnant with Gabrielle until I begged my husband to take me to the doctor because I wasn't feeling well, and the pregnancy test came back positive, but I'd had a surgery for fertility before that. So it wasn't an easy pregnancy with Gabby and then my 2nd pregnant, low and behold, comes after being diagnosed with breast cancer at the age of 31. The point I want to get across is that I lost my health the day I took the life of my child, I lost my fertility. I had to have 2 surgeries for infertility before I found out I was pregnant, even with my son. Then I get this huge diagnosis on top of everything else. Then that's what made me realize, and I knew that it was my abortion that took away my health, and it contributed to the fact that I am now and had been 31 years old with breast cancer.

Father: In one of your testimonies with the Silent No More awareness campaign, you said this 'my breast cancer gave me the courage to love my dead child'.

Charnette: Yes, it did.

Father: Explain to us what you mean by that.

Charnette: Oh, my goodness, you know breast cancer is best gift I could of ever been given, and I love the fact that I have breast cancer and that I've lost my left breast. Because if I did not, I don't think that I would have ever been able to love the child that I lost to abortion. I love my baby and I miss my baby and I'm so glad that I can pray for my child with my daughter now and she prays for her baby, her baby sister she calls her all the time. Because it took away the fact that I felt like I had to be silent and I was dying in silence until I was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was like breast cancer gave me freedom to speak and to speak up and to speak out and say 'look this is what I did with my body, and this is where I am right now'.

Janet: When you were diagnosed with breast cancer, I believe you found out you were pregnant and it was almost like the next day.

Charnette: It was.

Janet: You found out you also had breast cancer. This is a lot.

Charnette: I went in for my mammogram, not thinking anything. Then I get this huge diagnosis and I said 'wait a minute, I have a 3 year old daughter at home and I going to get to see her grow up'? And they said 'possibly not'. So went to Yale where they told me to go with all these experts and they told me 'don't even think about getting pregnant, don't even think about ever having another child'. Well, the next day I went to the doctor because I wasn't feeling well, because of this big diagnosis, and I find out I'm pregnant. I'm like 'I can't believe it', and I knew instantly that this was a gift from God, that my child was a gift from God. My doctors immediately, my personal doctors said 'well, we don't know all the facts yet'. But they did everything that they could each one of my doctors to save my child and my life. There is no reason that I see why a woman would ever have to give up her child for her life.

Father: So you received treatment for the breast cancer while going through pregnancy.

Charnette: Yes, I did.

Father: And then the child born was healthy?

Charnette: Yes. Yes.

Janet: When you say treatment, you went through chemotherapy while your were pregnant?

Charnette: Yes, I did. In my 2nd trimester and there's a huge article right now in People magazine about breast cancer and pregnancy and how you do not have to give up your life for your child and you do not have to give up your child to save your own life.

Father: Now, Charnette, do you see your breast cancer as linked to your abortion?

Charnette: Of course I do. I've said it again and again and again and I will continue to say it and that is the biggest message that I want everyone in this world to know. I took birth control pills, I had an abortion, and here I was at the age of 31 with breast cancer. What else could have it been? It was that.

Janet: And there was no history of breast cancer in your family, correct?

Charnette: None, there's none.

Janet: Because a lot of people say 'well, maybe there was your mother, sisters, aunts', no history of breast cancer.

Charnette: No one. No history.

Father: Of course, as we know, this is more than just your own opinion. Scientific studies nationally and internationally show the link between abortion and breast cancer.

Charnette: Yes.

Janet: What helped you really be saved, where you can sit here now and say 'I am 100% pro-life and I want women not to choose abortion'? What helped give you that complete conversion?

Charnette: I wanted to say this before, my husband helped me a lot to change. My husband believes in his oath that he took as a physician to do no harm. One day I was standing in the kitchen, still believing I'm pro-choice, I'm pro-choice, and he showed me a photograph of an aborted baby. I cried that whole entire day, I said I could not believe that this what they do to babies, this what they did to my child. To the child that was the woman that was behind me in that line and all those other women on that line. I knew and I still couldn't speak until the day I was diagnosed with breast cancer and they told me that I was not going to see my daughter grow up. I immediately thought, justice, my life for the life that I took and I was in a CAT scan machine holding a picture of Gabby and praying and saying 'God, if I have to die please give me another child so that Gabby wouldn't be alone'. So when I found I was pregnant the day after being diagnosed with breast cancer, I knew. I said 'ok, God, why would you send me a baby at this point in my life'? I said to myself 'I got it, I got it', and then my son was born premature, he came in this world at 30 weeks gestation, 3lbs 2 oz., and ironically I looked at my son and I said 'my gosh, you remind me of somebody'. And he was the same weight and gestational age as the baby in the picture that my husband had showed me of the child who was aborted. That's when I knew, I said 'oh, my gosh, I have to stand up for every single child in this world' and that's when I knew I had to speak up and tell my story so that women will know what I've been through so that they don't have to go through what I've gone through and that's why I tell my story.

Father: You spoke in front of the Supreme Court as we've mentioned in the Silent No More awareness campaign. We'd like to share with our viewers a short clip of part of your testimony on that occasion, it was the anniversary of the tragic Roe v Wade decision, the first gathering in 2003. Let's take a look at that clip.

Charnette: I love this scar, I love it, I love the fact that I don't have 2 breasts anymore. That I was 31 years old when a doctor told me that I may not see my beautiful 3 year old daughter grow up. I love this scar and do you know why I love this scar? I love it because it gave me the courage that I need to love my dead child because for years I lied and I'd tell everybody 'I never had an abortion' even my doctors, I would say 'I never had an abortion' and when I finally did tell one doctor, he said I didn't need to worry about it because there's no risk with breast cancer and abortion. I hope standing before all of you today that you now see and that you will now know that there is definitely a link between abortion and breast cancer.

Father: Well, thank you Charnette for sharing your testimony. We have 2 additional guests on our set, would you introduce them to us.

Charnette: Yes, this is Gabrielle, she's 6 years old and this is Christian and he is 3 years old.

Father: When you were pregnant with Christian, that was when you told us about before, right?

Charnette: Yes, exactly. This is my little boy and I hope that you can look at him and see, he's healthy, he's beautiful and we've both been through so much together and he's alive and this is what you get, and there's no way I would have given up my son. I just hope that women can take a look at him and if you are post-abortive just know that you have the right to love your child, you have the right. I named my child, I named my child Sarah Eve.

Father: Sarah Eve, the one that was aborted.

Charnette: Yes, I did.

Janet: Just as a recap, you had just found out you were expecting Christian when you got the diagnosis of breast cancer and so you went through chemotherapy during your 2nd trimester?

Charnette: I started in my 2nd trimester, which they have found is safe to do in your 2nd trimester, with certain chemo agents. He's fine.

Janet: He was perfectly healthy and I bet there were other medical professionals that were kind of counseling you to have an abortion?

Charnette: There were some. Not my immediate team, but there were some people who kind of thought I was out of my mind, thought I was crazy. They said 'you already have a child' and there is no medical data that I could find that would say that I would have lived any longer had I given up my child. I think I would have died just from knowing that I'd lost a 2nd child.

Father: Well, thank you children for joining us on the set. Thanks again Charnette for being with us today and Janet for all that you do with these so many other women that have had abortions. And thank you brothers and sisters. Back to you Mark.

Mark: Thanks Father Frank. We had a lot of good news this week, we reported on one abortion mill closing during the news. We had another one close up in Wisconsin and it was a good example of people having stick-to-it-ness, as we call it, just stay with it. Joining us from there is Matt Trehwella, from Missionaries to the Preborn, hello Matt.

Matt: Good to be here.

Mark: Thank you. Summit abortion mill up there, the death camp in Milwaukee has closed permanently, we saw pictures of the

equipment being hauled out in a truck. So that looks like a major victory and I wanted you to come on, first off to give you guys praise and congratulations for that because I know you worked long and hard there. I also understand that your group was having meetings at the time this happened about discontinuing, is that correct?

Matt: Yes, we were actually wondering if maybe we should change our tactics. We haven't had an abortion clinic close here in 7 years. When we started 17 years ago, there were 8 clinics in the city and now with Summit closing, praise God, there's only 2 left. Yes, we were thinking about maybe we should change tactics, maybe being outside the clinic isn't working, blah blah blah. We were spending 3 days in prayer seeking God about what to do and when we were done with the 3 days, the next day the clinic closed permanently. We're going to continue with what God's given us to do, that's the conclusion we came to anyway after 3 days of prayer just to continue to plod along, persevere, do that trench warfare, be there to minister in the name of Christ and to speak truth. So now we're able to move on to another abortion clinic in our city.

Cherie: And then there were 2.

Matt: Amen.

Mark: Right. This is a trend we're seeing all over the country, these death camps are closing down, I keep telling people, Matt you know this is true, we're winning this battle and we should not be discouraged. When I read your story I thought this is a good example of how you never know what's right around the corner, what God has for you just around the corner, you've got to stick to it.

Matt: That's exactly right. We had seen the 5 sole proprietorships abortion clinics close. The last 3 we had left are all parts of chains including the Summit. So we're like 'man will we ever see one of these chain clinics close'? And this one did, so we're praising God, we're out there every day for years, every day they were killing babies.

Mark: We praise God for you, Matt and for your team up there. And what I say to you is 'go get em'.

Matt: Yes. And to everybody out there, don't quit, just persevere, seek the Lord, he'll give you the strength to continue on.

Mark: Absolutely. Thanks for being with us Matt.

Matt: God bless you.

Mark: God bless you. Good news, you just have to hang in there, that's the key, it's persistence. The old Texas Ranger thing 'no one can beat the man who's in the right and keeps coming'.

Cherie: That's right.

Mark: That's the motto of the Texas Rangers, not the Texas Rangers baseball team, they've never kept coming.

Cherie: We won't talk about that.

Mark: The real Texas Rangers. Nobody can beat the man who's in the right and keeps coming.

Cherie: It's so good to know there are other people out there doing something besides you.

Mark: We also had another significant victory. We had a show on PBS here about the last abortion clinic in Mississippi, I think that's what it was called. Terri Herring from Pro-Life Mississippi on the show and fortunately she's joining us today, hello Terri.

Terri: Hi, Mark.

Mark: How are you doing?

Terri: I'm doing great, thank you.

Mark: I watched the PBS program, and as we know Terri, PBS has been no friend to the pro-life movement over the years.

Terri: They put us on our knees praying that that would all come out ok.

Mark: Right. And there were some places in there they were dishonest, they let the pro-aborts off the hook. For example when one of the pro-aborts said 'well, these people don't care anything but about human life from the moment of conception to the moment of birth', they don't care anything about what happens to these people after that'. The follow up question should have been 'well, what are you doing'? The pro-lifers operate 3,000 crisis pregnancy centers around the country, what are you doing? The fact is that they're not doing anything. There were some things like that but I thought overall it was a fairly well done piece. What was your take on it?

Terri: I was really pleased, I felt that we were fairly represented, like you said there were some things about the other side that were maybe done that we knew were inaccurate. I mean how did you like the lady at the abortion clinic (owner) trying to ask people what their faith was and pray with people and bring God into the situation. I think it's funny that sometimes I think we work hard to

not make this all about God, when the other side is trying to bring God into it. I thought that was interesting.

Mark: We've covered this on Life Talk before, we have National Abortion Federation tapes where they're training counselors how to manipulate people's religious convictions to sell them an abortion.

Terri: That's unbelievable.

Mark: It is. They talk about if you have someone who tells you they're a born again Christian, don't say this, say this. If you've got someone who's Catholic, then say this to them. These people are evil.

Terri: It is, it's very evil. One thing I wanted to share, it was interesting about what you said about persistence, because before you phoned in, I looked at my bible at Luke 18 and this is the scripture that came up yesterday at church. It says 'then he spoke a parable to them that men always ought to pray and not lose heart'. This is the parable of the woman (the widow) who went to the judge and even though he was an un-Godly judge and he didn't care about the people, because of her persistence, he gave in. That gave me hope, Mark, about our Supreme Court, whether or not we have all the judges that we think we need on there, regardless of what happens, our persistence in the courts, I believe will pay off, whether we have Godly judges or not. In other words, we can't just look and say 'well that ones pro-life, that ones not' that we really have to believe that even the un-just judge, that God can change and move their heart because we are so persistent that they have to give in.

Mark: Absolutely. That persistence is paying off in a way that most pro-lifers don't understand and that is, it is very discouraging to our opponents, they thought we were going to be gone many

many years ago. That hasn't happened, and it's not going to happen, you and I and the rest of the people in this country who feel the sting of this injustice toward the unborn, are never going to quit.

Terri: And they're losing heart. What is so encouraging is you have the pro-aborts on this PBS special, the abortion clinic owner saying 'this is such a smart group of people', and that they are losing. They said 'we are losing'. But what's sad to me is that the pro-life movement is going like 'we're winning'?

Mark: Absolutely.

Terri: We're winning??? We're winning??? Are you kidding???
Yes. Yes. We're making progresss.

Mark: I'm doing speeches all over the country right now talking about that very subject, that's the nature of my speech, right now. Is to make sure people understand that we are winning. Talk about persistence, I'm bringing in a friend of yours and mine, Roy MacMillin. Roy,

Roy: Yes.

Mark: How are you doing?

Roy: Better than I deserve.

Mark: I think that's true for all of us, Roy.

Roy: I'm also still a Life Dynamics and Mark Crutcher groupie.

Cherie: Not another one.

Mark: Not another one, there's just millions of them out there.
Roy, what did you think about this special on PBS with Terri?

Roy: Considering public broadcast has never been a friend, I thought it was delightful. I think it gave both sides an opportunity to be spoken. I thought the one loser was showing the illicit sex, particularly in the black community in our state, they interviewed some people in Cahoma County. And said that 70% of the children born alive there were to single mom's. This is the root of it, the illicit sex in our culture, more than any other thing.

Mark: Absolutely.

Roy: And our side works at virtue and truth and justice and if those are applied by Christians and we preach and teach one by one. I just left the abortion clinic, the 1 left in the state, 2 of us were there, 15 went in, we gave information to 1/2 of them, 1 was not pregnant when she came out, and 3 said 'we're going to continue the life of our child'. So when we see this as a huge problem, I see it as a 1 on 1 kind of like Christ talking to people 1 to 1, looking at them eyeball to eyeball. My burden has been direct action. It certainly takes the education community, the political and legislative, which Terri's been good at both of those, and by the way, she succeeded my wife, who'd been president of Pro-Life Mississippi, Dr Beverly MacMillian, former abortionists, who's on her board, not me, but she is. Thirdly the crisis pregnancy center people, but also the direct action people. In our society the culture moves when there's continentousness and debate and I think the Face the Truth, the Operation Rescue, the street level activism, sidewalk counseling, which does not let the conscience of the country be severed as to this dilemma.

Mark: Roy, you stay on that sidewalk.

Roy: Be there in the morning.

Mark: Thank you for all you do, and thank you Terri for being with us. That's all the time we have for this month, until next time remember Life Dynamics is not here to put up a good fight, we're here to win because winning is how the killing stops. Cherie and I will see you next.