



TESTIMONIES OF
TRANSFORMATION





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*Empowering women, men and youth
to make life-affirming choices*

Take time to give thanks.

¹⁸ I will **thank you** in the great congregation; in the mighty throng I will praise you. Psalm 35:18

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¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰**giving thanks always and for everything** to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:18–20

Continue to pray.

¹ First of all, then, I urge that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,** ² for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

1 Timothy 2:1-4

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- The safety and protection of **the Supreme Court Justices and their families** and **all judges, legislators and other leaders** who boldly take a stand to protect the unborn from abortion.

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- All of us on the side of Life, to have awareness of **God's abiding presence** so we may **respond to hateful rhetoric** of the pro-abortionist side **in truth and love.**

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- God to equip all who stand for Life with **wisdom and fortitude to not grow weary** as we navigate a Post-Roe world and continue the fight for unborn babies and all who suffer from the tragedy of abortion.

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- **The safety and protection of life-affirming agencies as they courageously serve vulnerable unborn babies, mothers, fathers and families with compassionate care and vital resources.**

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- Those who cling fiercely to the belief that abortion is a woman's reproductive right, many of whom have had abortions, for their **hearts to be transformed** so they would value **precious babies in the womb**.

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- Churches and Pastors to passionately and boldly communicate their support of the reversal of *Roe* and the sanctity of life to their congregations and to make it unequivocally clear that **the church is a refuge** for those facing an unplanned pregnancy or in need of post-abortion support and healing.

*Touch those in unplanned pregnancy with
the compassion of Christ.*

¹² Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

Colossians 3:12

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Mark 1:39-40

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45 “The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean.’ 46 He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

Leviticus 13:45–46

“This is not simply the description of an illness. It is a sentence. The purpose of which was to protect the health of the community from a dreaded contagion. Lepers were victims far more than disease itself. The disease robbed them of their health. The sentence imposed on them as a consequence robbed them of their name, occupation, family, and worshipping community. To insure against contact with society lepers were required to make their appearance as repugnant as possible.” • James Edwards

“For the Jewish ear it did not get any worse than being pronounced unclean. He was suffering from the ravages of this disease and was also suffering from the perception that his disease was God unique punishment for his sin. Leprosy was regarded by the Rabbis and therefore the broader community as God’s punishment fore especially serious sin. That’s this guy!” CJ Mahaney

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Mark 1:41-42

33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, **he sighed** and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

Mark 7:33-34

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled, ... Jesus wept.

John 11:33 & 35

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The Result of Christ's Compassionate Touch

42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. 43 And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." 45 **But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news,** so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Mark 1:42-45

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