

## His Masterpiece



The last few decades have been defined by momentous progress, particularly in the way of technology. Things that were once science fiction are now everyday commodities central to our culture. From this materialistic view, we've learned to place high value on products, and to want those products as quickly as possible. In short, our culture has put its focus on what is tangible and immediate. Unfortunately, an unborn child is neither of those things. With this in mind, it is no wonder that over a million women in the US alone undergo abortion procedures annually. According to society, they aren't killing a life; they're killing a mere concept.

In Exodus 1:15-17(NAB), an Egyptian Pharaoh orders Hebrew midwives to kill male babies during childbirth as a form of population control. The midwives refused, because they "feared God" and appreciated His gift of life. The Pharaoh only saw numbers, not dignified, unique human life. Similarly, women who consider abortion are not seeing the majesty and uniqueness of their unborn children. Despite what we have been taught by society, life is not defined by how new your phone is or the quality of your TV picture. From the moment of conception, we exist as reflections of God's handiwork; each exquisitely crafted in His image, and that image is what defines us as human beings. We have lost touch with that profound connection between God and ourselves, the relationship between the artist and His masterpiece. When we forget that we are each masterpieces of God's creation, we forget the dignity with which each individual life deserves to be treated. We are not like computers or cameras or cell phones, for these things are identical, mass-produced objects with fleeting importance. "We are truly His handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance." Ephesians 2:10(NAB)

Undeniably, we have seen numerous positive outcomes from this age of technological advancement. But there's always a trade-off. When we focus on the external, we become removed from our divinely-designed true selves, and thus removed from our relationship with God. It is this distance from what defines us as human beings that facilitates a society that condones abortion. Only through prayer can the distance be bridged, and thus we become conscious of just how unconscious we've been. Only then can we recognize ourselves as masterpieces of God's creation.