Most churches support mission outreaches to homeless people, young people, and people in faraway countries, so their plates are too full to support mission outreaches to people in the womb (and to their mothers) in their own community.

But what other outreach provides the opportunity to minister to Jesus, confront the devil's agenda, work out our faith, focus on lifeand-death issues, and have an unforgettable impact on people's lives, while doubling the impact of our efforts?

esus said that when we minister to the "least of these" we actually ministering to Him Matthew

25:40,45). Who

minister to Jesus

is more disposable, less significant to our selfish culture than the unborn child? The "good shepherd" focuses on the life of the one vulnerable sheep whose life hangs in the balance, even if he must temporarily turn away from the needs of the oo sheep in the fold to do so (Matthew 18:12).

Then we minister to one pregnant woman, we have the opportunity to permanently impact the lives of at least two people. The child's physical life and the woman's spiritual life and health both hang in the balance, and any delay in

providing help may cause permanent, irreversible

double the impact

pain to both mother and child.

bortion is a life-and-death issue, not just a "sin" issue. Sometimes the baby isn't the only one who dies.)

Churches should consider life-anddeath needs to be a higher priority than

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needs. But more than just saving the flesh, God also often uses pro-life ministries to save souls from Hell.

he day that a woman chooses abortion is a key milestone of her life, for better or for worse. She will never forget it. Even

if she refuses our help and aborts her baby, we have the opportunity to turn this

unforgettable impact

crisis into an everlasting memory of Christ's love, or into a memory of the Church's apathy. A woman

who aborts her child may be particularly bitter toward "pro-life Christians," looking at them as hypocrites because they were not there to try to stop her even though they claim to oppose abortion.

atan has always had schemes to try to steal away the heavenly seeds God has planted. Abortion is the modern embodiment of this satanic

agenda which has blinded the eves of God's people

confront the devil's agenda

throughout the ages. If we are serious about spiritual warfare, we must respond to these attacks.

ost churches say they oppose abortion. Faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Anti-abortion

without antiabortion ministry is

rhetoric

dead.

work out. our faith

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins." - James 4:17 Being a faithful "Christian soldier" in today's society must include defense of the unborn

"If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, lam not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christ. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides, is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point."

- Martin Luther

The way we respond to the needs of the weakest and most vulnerable members of our community is a measure of our character.

"But we can't stop abortion until we change people's hearts!"

True, but God can use us to help change people's hearts, one at a time, as we proclaim the Gospel of Life. This is not about politics, it is about people!

To learn how churches can benefit by expanding their ministries to women and children at risk of being killed by abortion, and to learn more about why this spiritual battle should be a priority for the Church, read Tim Palmquist's book God's Plan: Transforming the Gates of Hell into the Gates of Heaven. This book offers specific, positive strategies to save babies and minister to women.

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