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**A Celebration of Life
Psalm 139
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A Special Sermon of Celebration for the June 24, 2022, Supreme Court Decision Ending Roe v. Wade

- I have changed my sermon for today!
- In commemorating the 5-4 decision of the Supreme Court of the United States of America, on Friday, June 24, 2022, on the federal level, promptly ending the legalization of abortion on a national level.
- Justice Alito wrote the majority decision, joined by four other justices. Chief Justice Roberts voted with the majority to uphold the Mississippi abortion restrictions, but he did not approve of tossing Roe altogether.
- I wonder if we should enact a national holiday, Victory for Life Day, not unlike VE and VJ days after WW2?
- A Kingdom of God revolution is happening!

The Significance of this Decision

1) Constitutionally, a culture of life has been reaffirmed.

- In the preamble to the Declaration of Independence, we read, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men (human beings) are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”
- The Declaration of Independence and Constitution, drafted in 1776 and 1787, respectively, and the Bill of Rights in 1789, are all based on Natural Law, that all people have certain rights that governments are created to protect.
- The founders believed that natural rights are unalienable, meaning they cannot be surrendered to government under any circumstances.

- It took the Civil War, which President Lincoln declared in the Gettysburg Address, “a new birth of freedom,” to vindicate the Declaration’s famous promise that all men are created equal.
- Though different, to most Americans who love our nation, the Declaration, Constitution, and Bill of Rights are fused together to represent the best of our nation—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for ALL human beings.
- This decision by the Supreme Court has affirmed what these documents meant, that all human beings, even the ones being formed in a mother’s womb, have rights, the same rights, as those outside the womb.

2) Politically, the fight moves from the federal level to the state level.

- This removes the protection of legal abortion on the federal level, but it does not end abortion. Each state will have to decide what they will do about abortion.
- This summary means that the real battle for human life will be waged locally; the place it was 50 years ago and should be. But, also the place that really matters. We will have to decide in Colorado what we want to do about abortion.
- Almost half of the states are expected to outlaw or restrict abortions as a result of the Supreme Court decision on Friday.

3) Spiritually, America is rebuilding the truth that God is the Creator of all human beings.

- Our 45th President, Donald Trump, who appointed three of the five justices in the pro-life majority, said of Friday’s decision, “God made the decision.”
- Family Research Council President Tony Perkins reiterated the gravity of the moment, “While we are grateful that the tyranny of Roe has ended, we are mindful of the solemnity of this moment. What the Court has done is an act of repentance out of which we bring forth the fruit of repentance, rebuilding a culture of life in America.”

- This decision gives more babies the opportunity to be born and live; to live out their dreams and God's plan for their lives.

John 10:10, *"The thief (Satan) does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they (all human beings) may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."*

Jeremiah 29:11, *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

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Verses 1-6

- God intimately knows you! He knows everything about you. He loves you so much. He created you for a purpose.

Verses 7-12

- David is speaking of himself, a believer. This is a Psalm for the believer.
- No matter where you go, you cannot get away from God's Spirit. He is with you and wants to protect you.
- No darkness can get in the way of God's powerful plan over your life.

Verses 13-16

- No other passage in all the Bible so affirms that life begins with conception in our mother's womb.

1) God skillfully created each person in the mother's womb.

2) God created every person wonderfully—for a purpose.

3) God has a book written on your life.

Verses 17-24

- David concludes with the anger he feels but ends up wanting God to change him, transform him.
- In light of all that God has said, David wants what God wants, to search his heart, try him, know him, and lead him!

2 Chronicles 7:14, *“If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

- **Noonday Prayer led by Josh Floyd**