## Love Both Heartbeats

Abortion rights is one of the most disputed topics in the United States. Over half of the country believes that it should be perfectly legal. People for abortion most often are more focused on the mother and her choices rather than the baby. People against abortion usually think more about the baby and its life. It seems as if you either care about the mom, or you care about the baby. I believe we should care for both heartbeats. We can do this by telling everyone the reasons why abortion is wrong, we can find ways to help the baby, and help moms be more prepared for a baby to prevent abortions.

One of the things we can do that has the biggest impact is to tell everyone why abortion should be illegal. First I believe all babies are made by God, which He created in the womb. Psalm 139:13 says, "...you knit me together in my mothers womb." God made us perfectly in his image. Most people believe that life begins at first breath, but I believe it starts at conception. In Jeremiah 1:5, it says, "...before you were born I knew you..." This verse talks about how God knew us personally even in the womb.

Therefore, if life starts at conception, that means when we abort babies it is just like murder. If we donate our money to organizations who specialize in telling people abortion is wrong, we can change things. Peaceful protest is another way to spread the word. Martin Luther King Jr. held many peaceful protests to show his dream of equality, and this dream has come true in most areas of the world. How is abortion different?

Spreading the word that abortion is wrong is definitely one way to love both heart beats.

Another obvious way is to care for the baby and its life. Babies can't immediately talk as soon as they are born. They don't know what's going on around them. The only

way they can communicate is by crying. Not knowing how to talk leaves them defenseless. In the womb, it's no different. The babies who are aborted can't do anything to prevent themselves from being killed. When we vote we should consider the candidates standpoint on abortion. Electing people in government who are against abortion will help give babies more rights. I believe that our babies should have more protection than a bald eagle's egg. If you destroy a bald eagle's egg you serve one year in prison, yet you can kill a baby and it is not a crime. Caring for babies is another way to care for both heartbeats.

Finally, we can love both heartbeats by caring for the mother. One of the main reasons people abort their babies is because they don't feel prepared. If we donate money to organizations that help moms get the supplies they need, I believe that the amount of aborted babies would go way down. We also need to help the moms after their babies are born. Often people seem to abandon the mother after the baby is born. People think that they don't need to do anything else. But all of us need to continue to help the moms after the babies are born. We should help them find places to live. We should also get supplies for at home like a crib and other baby stuff. Helping moms is definitely a way to love both heartbeats.