

# BRADY LANE LEDGER

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## Brady Lane Church

Believing–Living–Connecting

### THE BIG THREE!

#### Game Night

**Tonight! August 28th, from 6:30 to 8pm** we are hosting a game night. Bring your favorite games and favorite snacks and join us in some game night fun!

#### Upcoming Events/Schedule

**September 27** - LAUNCH OF HOME POINTE! More to come!

**September 8 & 9** - Good Shepherd Learning Center begins classes.

#### FAMILY SUNDAY - AUG 30

THIS SUNDAY we will be having a Family Sunday, where our families will worship together in the sanctuary all elementary age students on up (k-12) will be in the adult worship service. There will still be preschool and nursery classes provided at the 11am service. We also will be having a special worship service music wise as it is a fifth Sunday! Don't miss it!

## Sanctity of Life

By Jeff Keller

As we approach the upcoming political season, the conventions have just played out, and now we wait to see if there will be debates, and whether or not we will be allowed to vote in person or if we will count on the USPS to handle our votes, I have decided to weigh in on an issue that has less to do with politics and more to do with scripture, and something God abhors. The blood sacrifice of children.

In today's guest devotion you will find answers to questions that the late Billy Graham was asked on this topic and if you click the links if you are on the PDF version of this document you can go to Grahams' website where the full answers to the questions appear. That website is <https://billygraham.org> and search for his "Answers" area on the site. Clicking the links on the article will take you directly to the answers.

In ancient Canaan - also known as the promised land - the land that God had appointed to and promised to the people of Israel - was occupied by people who had some serious issues. One of their key issues was that of idolatry - worshipping false gods - but one of the ways they worshipped was to sacrifice infants - spill their blood - or burn them in fires to honor their pagan deities. We find by reading scripture that this practice caused God's anger to boil against these people. God even prohibits Israel from this practice in Leviticus 18:21, Deuteronomy 12:31, Leviticus 20:2-3, Deuteronomy 18:10, and Psalm 106:37-38 . This was one of the main reasons God sent Israel in to purify the Promised Land - by wiping out the Canaanites - but the people of Israel did not complete the task.

Because of their failure the remnant Canaanite people lured Israel into the same types of worship when kings of Judah like Ahaz who put up idol poles all over the place and practiced witchcraft, divination, and child sacrifice in times of famine and other disasters to try to appease the gods Molech and Baal.

There would be moments of reform, like when good

## 5 Answers about Abortion

By **Billy Graham**

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All throughout the Bible, it's clear that human life is precious to God. More than ever, we need biblical answers to questions about abortion and the sanctity of life. Here are a few *My Answers* from Billy Graham.

**Q: Why is abortion such a big issue for Christians?**

**A:** Life is sacred, and we must seek to protect all human life.

>> [Read the entire answer](#)

**Q: I'm single, pregnant, and don't know what to do.**

**A:** I know it's common to think of abortion as a simple answer to an inconvenient problem, but it's a far more serious issue.

>> [Read Billy Graham's entire answer](#)

**Q: Would it be wrong for me to pray that my girlfriend will be open to getting an abortion?**

**A:** You've probably heard the old saying, "Two wrongs don't make a right"—and it's true, especially in this case.

>> [Read Billy Graham's entire answer](#)

**Q: Our teenage daughter is pregnant. What advice should we give her?**

**A:** May you and your daughter carefully and prayerfully consider your options.

>> [Read Billy Graham's entire answer](#)

**Q: I got an abortion. I can't forgive myself, and I know God won't forgive me either.**

**A:** You are wrong when you say God can never forgive you.

>> [Read Billy Graham's entire answer](#)

**God cares about all lives, including yours. Find peace with Him today.**



King Josiah came along where Israel would be brought back on track, tear down the idols and stop the tragic sacrifice of children...but it wouldn't be long after that good king would pass on that Israel would be right back at it again. This is one of the primary reasons Israel and Judah were conquered and carried away into captivity by Assyria and Babylon. They were warned by prophets like Jeremiah and Ezekiel to stop this practice but it was to no avail, and their nation was allowed by God to be destroyed.

Fast forward to 2020. One of the key platforms of the Democratic Vice Presidential candidate is to allow full term abortions - what that means is that up until the time of birth - and even in some cases after birth - a child's life can be taken.

Now my personal views on all abortion aside - I cannot wrap my brain around anyone who would look at moving the abortion line to full term - meaning fully developed human being in the womb being exterminated being something that is acceptable.

"But what about the life of the mother?" What if she is in danger? What if the doctor has to choose between the life of the mother and the life of the child?" I get that question. I have family that have been in that position - and mother passed while the infant - my cousin who I love and care about is with us today. According to the CDC, around 700 mothers a year die during childbirth. 700...yeah that is tragic. And it is a lot. One is too many. But compare that to the on average 800,000 babies that have been murdered per year since 1970...Just in the United States. When you add in the world the numbers are insane.

"What about women who are raped?" Again while this is a tragic circumstance, less that one percent of the abortions that take place every year are a result of that horrendous crime. Around 32,000 pregnancies result because of rape in the U.S. per year, and 85% of those women not only have their babies but keep them. The other 14% are put up for adoption.

The arguments for abortion are weak and full of holes. The number one reason by a landslide that abortions happen in the United States and really around the world is convenience. Worship of self. Idolatry. Folks we may not be building fires or taking a Bowie knife to the throats of babies for Molech or Baal anymore - but we are still sacrificing our young for the sake of self. We have to vote in November.

Remember that God eventually destroys nations that sacrifice their children for the sake of idolatry.