

# Section 2a: Biblical Framework for Unexpected Pregnancies

Read the selected Bible Passages and discuss your observations. Write your observations in the spaces provided below.

## GROUP 1: What does the Bible say about the Unborn?

### JOB 10:8-12

*8 Your hands fashioned and made me, and now you have destroyed me altogether. 9 Remember that you have made me like clay; and will you return me to the dust? 10 Did you not pour me out like milk and curdle me like cheese? 11 You clothed me with skin and flesh, and knit me together with bones and sinews. 12 You have granted me life and steadfast love, and your care has preserved my spirit.*

### GENESIS 1:26-27

*26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.*

### PSALM 22:9-10

*9 Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. 10 On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God.*

### NOTES

### PSALM 139:13-16

*13 For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.*

## GROUP 2: What can we learn about life in the womb?

### GENESIS 25:21-26

*21 And Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren. And the Lord granted his prayer, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the older shall serve the younger." 24 When her days to give birth were completed, behold, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy cloak, so they called his name Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out with his hand holding Esau's heel, so his name was called Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.*

### HOSEA 12:2-3

*2 The Lord has an indictment against Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; he will repay him according to his deeds. 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his manhood he strove with God.*

### GALATIANS 1:15

*15 But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,*

### ISAIAH 49:1

*1 Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.*

### NOTES

### LUKE 1:41-44

*41 And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, 42 and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! 43 And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.*

### LUKE 1:15

*15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb.*

**GROUP 3: What did God say about the custom of child sacrifice?**

<p><b>EXODUS 20:13</b>  <b>13</b> "You shall not murder.</p>	<p><b>EZEKIEL 16:20-21</b>  <b>20</b> And you took your sons and your daughters, whom you had borne to me, and these you sacrificed to them to be devoured. Were your whorings so small a matter <b>21</b> that you slaughtered my children and delivered them up as an offering by fire to them?</p>	<p><b>DEUTORONOMY 12:31</b>  <b>31</b> You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the Lord hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.</p>	<p><b>2 KINGS 17:17</b>  <b>17</b> And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger.</p>
<p><b>2 KINGS 16:3</b>  <b>3</b> but he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. He even burned his son as an offering, according to the despicable practices of the nations whom the Lord drove out before the people of Israel.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTES</b></p>	
<p><b>GENESIS 9:6</b>  <b>6</b> "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.</p>	<p><b>LEVITICUS 18:21</b>  <b>21</b> You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.</p>		

**GROUP 4: What does the Bible teach us about disability?**

<p><b>JOHN 9:1-7</b>  <b>1</b> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <b>2</b> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <b>3</b> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <b>4</b> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <b>5</b> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <b>6</b> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <b>7</b> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.</p>	<p><b>LEVITICUS 19:14</b>  <b>14</b> You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.</p>
<p><b>ISAIAH 45:9-12</b>  <b>9</b> "Woe to him who strives with him who formed him, a pot among earthen pots! Does the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' or 'Your work has no handles'? <b>10</b> Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman, 'With what are you in labor?'" <b>11</b> Thus says the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and the one who formed him: "Ask me of things to come; will you command me concerning my children and the work of my hands? <b>12</b> I made the earth and created man on it; it was my hands that stretched out the heavens, and I commanded all their host.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOTES</b></p>
<p><b>EXODUS 21:22-25</b>  <b>22</b> "When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. <b>23</b> But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, <b>24</b> eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, <b>25</b> burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.</p>	

**GROUP 5:** How can we avoid harming ourselves and others? Is it enough that we personally avoid having an abortion? Should Christians warn those who are not Christians from acting in ways that God says will harm them and other people?

<p><b>PROVERBS 8: 34-36</b>  <b>34</b> Blessed is the one who listens to me, watching daily at my gates, waiting beside my doors. <b>35</b> For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the Lord, <b>36</b> but he who fails to find me injures himself; all who hate me love death."</p>	<p><b>JEREMIAH 25:7</b>  <b>7</b> Yet you have not listened to me, declares the Lord, that you might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to your own harm.</p>	<p><b>JAMES 5:5-6</b>  <b>5</b> You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <b>6</b> You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.</p>
<p><b>DEUTORONOMY 21:6-9</b>  <b>6</b> And all the elders of that city nearest to the slain man shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley, <b>7</b> and they shall testify, 'Our hands did not shed this blood, nor did our eyes see it shed. <b>8</b> Accept atonement, O Lord, for your people Israel, whom you have redeemed, and do not set the guilt of innocent blood in the midst of your people Israel, so that their blood guilt be atoned for.' <b>9</b> So you shall purge the guilt of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.</p>		<p><b>EXODUS 20:13</b>  <b>13</b> "You shall not murder.</p>
<p><b>ISAIAH 1:15-17</b>  <b>15</b> When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. <b>16</b> Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, <b>17</b> learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause.</p>		<p><b>NOTES</b></p>

**GROUP 6:** What does God call us to do as Christians for those in unexpected pregnancies?

<p><b>JEREMIAH 7:5-7</b>  <b>5</b> "For if you truly amend your ways and your deeds, if you truly execute justice one with another, <b>6</b> if you do not oppress the sojourner, the fatherless, or the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place, and if you do not go after other gods to your own harm, <b>7</b> then I will let you dwell in this place, in the land that I gave of old to your fathers forever.</p>	<p><b>PROVERBS 24:11-12</b>  <b>11</b> Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. <b>12</b> If you say, "Behold, we did not know this," does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?</p>	<p><b>NOTES</b></p>
<p><b>MATTHEW 25:34-40</b>  <b>34</b> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <b>35</b> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <b>36</b> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <b>37</b> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <b>38</b> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <b>39</b> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <b>40</b> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'</p>		
<p><b>EXODUS 1:15-19 ESV</b>  <b>15</b> Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <b>16</b> "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." <b>17</b> But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. <b>18</b> So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" <b>19</b> The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."</p>		

**GROUP 7: What does God call us to do as Christians for those in unexpected pregnancies?**

**JAMES 2:14-26**

*14 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17 So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19 You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder! 20 Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"—and he was called a friend of God. 24 You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25 And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26 For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.*

**ROMANS 12:1-2**

*1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

**JAMES 1:27**

*27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.*

**NOTES**

Also see: **ZECHARIAH 7:9-10 ESV**

**ISAIAH 1:15-23**

*15 When you spread out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, 17 learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow's cause. 18 "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." 21 How the faithful city has become a whore, she who was full of justice! Righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers. 22 Your silver has become dross, your best wine mixed with water. 23 Your princes are rebels and companions of thieves. Everyone loves a bribe and runs after gifts. They do not bring justice to the fatherless, and the widow's cause does not come to them.*

**GROUP 8: What can you learn about God's purposes and plans for children whose mothers had pregnancies in unique circumstances? (see next page for continuation)**

**NOTES**

*Elizabeth* in **LUKE 1:5-25**

*Mary* in **LUKE 1:26-33**

**Also see:** *Jochebed* in **GENESIS 2:1-10**, *Hagar* in **GENESIS 16:1-16**

**GROUP 9:** What can you learn about God’s purposes and plans for children women who have had abortions in the past from these verses?

ROMANS 3:22-24	PSALM 32:1-5	NOTES
<p><b>22</b> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <b>23</b> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <b>24</b> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus</p>	<p><b>1</b> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. <b>2</b> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. <b>3</b> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. <b>4</b> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up] as by the heat of summer. Selah <b>5</b> I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah</p>	
<p><b>ROMANS 6:17-18</b></p> <p><b>17</b> But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, <b>18</b> and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <b>19</b> I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. <b>20</b> For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <b>21</b> But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. <b>22</b> But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. <b>23</b> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.</p>		<p><b>JOHN 15:9-11</b></p> <p><b>9</b> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <b>10</b> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <b>11</b> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.</p>

**Other means of truth revealed**

**1. Biology of Prenatal Development**

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**2. Conscience & Family**

“14 I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.” -

**ROMANS 1:14-15**

The requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.

**STOP & REFLECT**

What is one passage of scripture that convicted you about life issues? What do you want to be sure to remember? Write it down in the space provided below.

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