

Why Graphic Signs?

Words have failed and we need to see the horrible reality of what we are doing to the weakest among us in our nation. The pictures we carry provide a pictorial essay and a real warning of what horrors befall a culture that turns its back on a Holy God. Our children need to know that the choices they make and the actions they take have lasting consequences.

Life and blessing are ours when we honor the Ten Commandments found in God's law. This is visibly demonstrated by the picture of a live baby. Contrast this with the graphic pictures of children ripped apart by abortion, and you epitomize the cost of walking away from the precepts and principles found in God's law.

“This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live...” (Deuteronomy 30:19)

Do These Pictures Traumatize Children?

No! They traumatize adults attempting to deny the truth and the horror of abortion!

That's right! These pictures do not traumatize our kids, no matter how young they are. Children are not traumatized if they have parents who teach that abortion is a terrible thing to do to a child.

Our children who have grown up in this ministry know that this is a picture of a baby who is hurt. They also know that their mom and dad are doing everything they can to help these voiceless children.

It is the parents who tell their children that abortion is a good thing, or a “mother's choice,”

that have difficulty explaining the graphic pictures to their children. They are terrorized and traumatized because they have no words to justify what their children have seen. The kids are left wondering if mom and dad would “choose” to do the same thing to them.

“Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.” (Leviticus 19:17)

Is This Terrorism?

No! The truth brings terror only to the one who is doing wrong. He fears being exposed. In order to avoid the horrible truth that these pictures uncover, the enemy attempts to point his finger at someone else – us! When one loses an argument, he resorts to argument “ad hominem” (name calling).

Planned Parenthood and its ilk seek to paint all Christians who are telling the truth and living out their faith in the public forum as “wild eyed, fundamentalist, lunatic, terrorists.”

“Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth?” (Galatians 4:23)

Is This Extreme?

No, graphic pictures are not extreme! This is what parents do when they feel their children are in danger. The horrible pictures of traffic accidents used prolifically in driver's education courses are not viewed as extreme. They teach what words cannot.

The pictures of Jews stacked like cords of wood outside Nazi concentration camps are not considered extreme when depicting the murderous truth of Nazism. It should never be considered extreme when one tries to rescue children from a treacherous lie by pictorially telling the truth. We will make no attempt to appear fair and open-minded to the lies and “cover-

ups” of the abortion industry. We desire only to be true to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In so doing we believe that God Himself will give our kids eyes to see the real horror of abortion.

“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” (Ephesians 5:11)

What Would Jesus Do?

Would Jesus carry graphic pictures? He already has. That's right! When words fail, God speaks to us in living parables (pictures). Jesus was and is God's most graphic picture of His magnificent love toward us.

Jesus became a living parable of the high cost and degrading horror of our sin. It cost Him His life. He was publicly humiliated and hung naked on a cross. He was wounded and bruised. He bled and He died. He was marred beyond even looking like a man. Jesus was and is God's graphic picture of His love toward us.

Jesus' sacrificial and graphic death on a cross helps us to understand the magnitude of God's love. It was an ugly death. It was and still is repugnant to our senses. It was and still is disturbing. It creates within our hearts a conflict that we would just as soon ignore. But, because He loves us, He drew a picture of His love with His Son's death on an old rugged cross.

He is afflicting us and conflicting us with this graphic truth, not because He hates us, but because He loves us! *“But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)*

The Entire Sacrificial System Points to God's Graphic Ways!

Sacrifice in the Old Testament was an ugly business. It was acceptable only on the basis of very graphic procedures. God used the sacrificial system as a graphic pedagogical device to teach His people the severity of sin. *"Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins."*

Can you imagine laying your hand on the head of a precious lamb and slitting its throat with the other? Can you imagine watching the crimson blood flow as the animal dies in your hands? The flowing red blood was a graphic teacher of the severity of sin. It prepared those in Old Testament times for the coming of the final sacrifice, the lamb of God, **Jesus Christ**.

Now, just imagine bringing your eight year old son with you and explaining to him why a lamb must die for the forgiveness of that boy's sins. Imagine that this was a family lamb that had been raised for this very purpose. The son was witness to a very graphic truth which prepared him to be a man. A young man who is raised to understand the severity of his own sin and the high price paid that he might be forgiven, is one who is ready to be a man.

Should We Carry Such Graphic Pictures?

Yes, we must. God is calling us to expose the lies that are covering up the slaughter of innocent human beings. Place the picture of a live baby next to the picture of a baby ripped apart by abortion and ask, *"Which one do you choose?"*

You will find that kids, almost 100% of the time, will choose the picture of the live baby. Do the same thing with adults and you will find that those who are "pro-choice" simply shut their mouths. They have nothing to say. All of their logic breaks down when they are faced with the graphic truth.

In the prophet Jeremiah's time, the people of Israel were also sacrificing their children in the valley of Ben Hinnom. God said that this was *"...something I did not command, nor did it ever enter my mind."* **Jeremiah 7:31.**

God Himself was astonished at the depravity of His children, sacrificing their own sons and daughters to false gods. Could this be America today?

The problem was that the people of God in Jeremiah's time did not, *"...plead the case of the fatherless to win it..."* **Jeremiah 5:28.**

Today, we in the Church of Jesus Christ are not pleading the case of the fatherless to win it. Oh, we build our crisis pregnancy centers, vote Republican, participate in Life Chain, and preach our annual Roe v. Wade sermon on January 22. We are not, however, pleading the case of the over 45 million children murdered and those soon to be killed, so as to win it.

As for me and my house, we have determined to plead the case of the fatherless to win it. Graphic pictures expose the devil's schemes and make the defense of the "pro-choice" lie, indefensible.

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