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It was one of those moments where my thinking was instantly interrupted. I received some really big news recently. And at certain times in my life, whether it was good news or bad news, my thinking has been interrupted when it's *really big* news. Whatever the nature of the news, it cannot be ignored that in those moments everything changes. You know the kind of news I'm talking about. Like the day you learned someone has died. Or someone has lived. On Friday, June 24, 2022, I was thinking about what to eat for lunch. I had my mind set on a Chick-fil-A salad with avocado-lime dressing. I'm going out on a limb here but want to suggest that I'm not alone when food invades our focus!

At 10:15 a.m. my wife, Sharon, sent me a text message... *Roe v Wade just overturned*. It was one of those interrupted-thought kind of moments. I wasn't thinking anymore about the salad I wanted for lunch, but strangely enough I began thinking about a lunch salad, nonetheless. Maybe you saw the video in 2015, around seven years ago. The Senior Director of Medical Services for Planned Parenthood Federation of America was being clandestinely recorded during a lunch meeting. The subject of discussion was about the buying and selling of body parts of aborted fetuses, or babies, depending on your worldview. I remember that particular doctor eating her salad, and drinking her wine, while talking about the value of the harvested liver of an unborn child. Since that Supreme Court decision a couple of weeks ago, I have been trying to understand the mindset of the pro-abortion philosophy. How can we have the advantage of ultrasound technology to aid in the harvest of organs and be blind to what we are looking at on the scans in real time? It's almost like non-human thinking has taken control. Those who have come out of that industry have stated they endeavor to keep the mothers from seeing the movement of the child on the ultrasound images. In some cases you can even see the shape of their tiny baby faces.

Even when I saw that video years ago, and although painfully grieved at that kind of thinking and the callous discussion, I read some of the articles trying to defend, or explain, what could plainly be heard and seen on that video. One such article was put forth and claimed the video was skillfully produced or "doctored" (pun intended) in some way. I guess it's all in what someone calls it. Here's an excerpt from an article in *Salon.com*.

Arguably the worst aspect of this scam video, beyond the harm it will do to reproductive rights and Planned Parenthood, is the reality that Dr. Nucatela's life is all but ruined for the foreseeable future. At this moment, anti-choice extremists are likely fanning out around the internet, collecting damaging information about her; finding out her home address and contact information; discovering whether she has children and where they go to school; planning rallies outside her house; or worse.

But as I read the author's fear-mongering language about what might transpire several years ago, in recent days we have been privy to credible threats to the lives of Supreme Court Justices and their families in attempts to intimidate them into the pro-choice way of thinking. The rise in lawlessness in our culture is plain to see and breathtaking in progress and difficult to process. I've come to think lately that it's all about the language of something...the words that we use. They really matter, especially to a culture who doesn't think deeply and process the most important words concerning life and death and the strategies behind them.

Since that decision came forth, I listened that day to three different news outlets and heard the same language that communicated the decision would set Reproductive Rights and Reproductive Health for women back 50 years. If I want to know what a human has a right to reproduce, I need look no further than Genesis. *27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (Gen 1:27-28)*

Destiny and dominion...God's strategy for life. The abortion (*prochoice*) philosophy fits into the strategy of killing, stealing, destroying. Child sacrifice is the devil's worldview with an ancient history. It's time to make our choice. I guess you can say I am prochoice for prolife. It's time to choose the Spirit Life promised by our King Jesus. Below is that link for that prochoice article I referenced just in case you want to read it. But as one pastor is fond of saying, I've read it so you won't have to!

https://www.salon.com/2015/07/16/what_the_planned_parenthood_hoax_really_proves_right_wing_extremists_have_no_qualms_about_destroying_peoples_lives/

Blessings to you,
Pastor Sam