

# Abortion

If you are considering or have had an abortion, we want you to know that we love you and, more importantly, God loves you.

In the very beginning of the Bible, we read in **Genesis 1:26–27**, “**Let us make man in our image, in our likeness...So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.**”

Every child is a work and wonder of God, “**For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:13–14)**. The truth we find here in Scripture is that even though the baby, still in its mother’s womb, is unseen to the world, God is at work as He creates and unleashes new life.

We understand there are probably legitimate reasons you have for not wanting a child—you don’t have the financial means, the doctors have told you of medical risks, or maybe the baby was conceived through shameful circumstances. Whatever the case may be, God has an orchestrated purpose for everything, and abortion is not the answer.

If you have had an abortion, don’t let your guilt or shame overwhelm you. “**Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering” (Romans 8:1–3)**. Everyone has a past, and everyone makes mistakes. The good news is that Jesus loves us. He’s not going to punish you—He wants to give you new life and help you make the next steps toward wholeness in Him.

*If you are struggling with this decision, we want to help you. Please contact the church office (904.261.8310) or email us at [hope@thejourneyfamily.com](mailto:hope@thejourneyfamily.com).*

## Additional Helpful Scriptures:

John 14:1

James 1:2–4

Philippians 4:6–7

Romans 8:28,

Matthew 7:7–8

Jeremiah 29:11

