

THE HOT WATER BOTTLE

TRUE STORY: One night, in Central Africa, I worked long and hard to help a mother in labor, but in spite of all our efforts, the mother died leaving us with a tiny, premature baby and a crying, two-year-old daughter. We would have great difficulty keeping the baby alive.

We had no incubator. We had no electricity to run an incubator, and no special feeding facilities. And although we lived on the equator, nights were often chilly with treacherous drafts.

A student-midwife went for the box we had prepared for such babies and for the cotton wool blanket in which the baby would be wrapped. Another midwife went to stoke up the fire and fill a hot water bottle. She quickly came back in distress, to tell me that in filling the bottle, it had burst. Rubber perishes easily in tropical climates and it was our last hot water bottle! As the saying goes, it is no good crying over spilled milk; so, in Central Africa it is no good crying over a burst water bottle. Hot water bottles don't grow on trees, and there are no drugstores down the forest pathway. "All right," I said, "Safely, place the baby as near to the fire as you can. Sleep between the baby and the door to keep it free from drafts. Your job is to keep the baby warm."



The following noon, as I did most days, I went to pray with as many of the orphanage children who chose to join me. I gave the youngsters various suggestions of things to pray for and told them about the tiny baby. I explained the problem we had keeping the baby warm enough, mentioning the hot water bottle and that the baby could easily die if it got cold. I also told them about the two-year-old sister, who was very upset because her mother had died. During the prayer time, one ten-year-old girl, Ruth, prayed with the usual blunt words of our African children. "Please, God," she prayed, *"Send us a water bottle. It'll be no good tomorrow, God, the baby will be dead; so, please send it this afternoon."* While I gasped inwardly at the audacity of the prayer, she added another request. *"..."* And while You are about it, would You please send a dolly for the little girl, so she'll know You really love her?" As often with children's prayers, I was put on the spot. Could I honestly say, "Amen?" I just didn't believe that God would do this, even though I know that He can do everything: The Bible says so, but there are limits, aren't there?

The only way God could answer this particular prayer would be by sending a package from home. I had been in Africa for almost four years at the time, and I had never, ever received a package from home. Anyway, if anyone did send a package, who would think of putting in a hot water bottle? I lived on the equator!

Halfway through the afternoon, while I was teaching in the nurses' training school, a message was sent that there was a car at my front door. By the time that I reached home, the car had gone, but there, on the veranda, was a large twenty-two-pound package! I felt tears welling up in my eyes. I just couldn't open the package alone; so, I sent for the orphanage children I prayed with earlier in the day. Together we pulled off the string, carefully undoing each knot. Excitement was mounting. Some thirty or forty pairs of eyes were focused on the large cardboard box. From the top, I lifted out brightly colored, knitted jerseys. Eyes sparkled as I gave them out. Then, there were the knitted bandages for the leprosy patients, and the children began to look a little bored. Next, came a box of mixed raisins and nuts that would make a nice batch of buns for the weekend. As I put my hand in again, I felt the...could it really

be? I grasped it, and pulled it out. Yes, "A brand-new rubber, hot water bottle!" I cried. I, with my weak faith, had not asked God to send it. Ruth was in the front row of the children. She rushed forward, crying out, "If God has sent the bottle, He must have sent the dolly, too!" Rummaging down to the bottom of the box, she pulled out the small, beautifully dressed doll. Her eyes danced. She had never doubted! Looking up at me, she asked, "Can I go over with you, and give this dolly to that little girl, so she'll know that Jesus really loves her?"

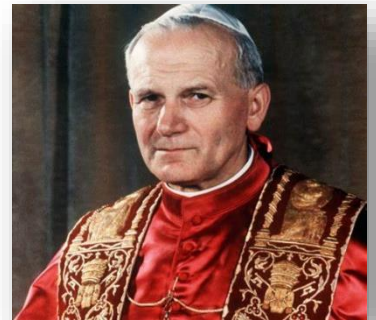
That package had been on the way for five whole months, packed up by my former Sunday School class, whose leader had heard and obeyed God's prompting to send a hot water bottle, even to the equator. Five months earlier, one of the girls in the Sunday School class put in a doll for an African child, the answer to the believing prayer of a ten-year-old child. AND TO BRING IT THAT AFTERNOON!!" - Helen Roseveare, missionary.

"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isaiah 65:24 "For those who believe, no explanation is necessary. For those who don't believe no explanation is possible."

VISION AND REALITY

Abortion, Bishops, Politics: The elephant in the living room!

St. John Paul II on abortion: *"Given such unanimity in the doctrinal and disciplinary tradition of the Church, Paul VI was able to declare that this tradition is unchanged and unchangeable. Therefore, by the authority which Christ conferred upon Peter and his Successors, in communion with the bishops -who on various occasions have condemned abortion and who in the aforementioned consultation, albeit dispersed throughout the world, have shown unanimous agreement concerning this doctrine-I DECLARE that DIRECT ABORTION, that is, abortion willed as an end or as a means, ALWAYS CONSTITUTES A GRAVE MORAL DISORDER, since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being. This doctrine is based upon the NATURAL LAW and upon the WRITTEN WORD OF GOD, is transmitted by the Church's Tradition and taught by the ORDINARY AND UNIVERSAL MAGISTERIUM. (EMPHASIS MINE)*



*NO CIRCUMSTANCE, NO PURPOSE, NO LAW whatsoever can ever make licit an act which is intrinsically illicit, since it is contrary to the Law of God which is **written in every human heart, knowable by reason itself**, and proclaimed by the Church." St. John Paul II, from the encyclical, "The Gospel of Life" # 62*

LOOKS TO ME THAT THIS DECLARATION FITS ALL OF THE DEMANDS OF AN INFALLIBLE STATEMENT: 1) THE MATTER PROPOSED MUST PERTAIN TO THE GOSPEL (FAITH AND MORALS) 2. SPEAKING EX CATHEDRA (FROM THE CHAIR OF PETER). 3.THE POPE, AS SUPREME PASTOR AND TEACHER, PROCLAIMS BY A DEFINITIVE ACT A DOCTRINE PERTAINING TO FAITH OR MORALS.

"My body, my choice." That's OK if you are aborting yourself!

“Priests for Life” Leaflet: The fringe abortion supporters have become the mainstream and have abandoned any pretense of wanting limits of any kind. One in ten abortion facilities in the U.S. kill babies up to 24 weeks. In 2017, The Alan Guttmacher institute reported over 11,000 abortions at 21 or more weeks of pregnancy. This means every day in the U.S. over 30 babies the size of a banana is dismembered and decapitated, legally. These babies can hear, have eyebrows, eyelashes, fingernails, toenails are storing fat on their bodies, and have a heartbeat that can be heard with a stethoscope.

Abortion doesn't make you un-pregnant; it makes you the parent of a dead child.

Abortion is about much more than “women’s health”, “reproductive rights” and “freedom of choice”. The last thing abortion supporters want to talk about is abortion. **Abortion is to healthcare like the showers at Auschwitz were to hygiene.** No one should be able to vote for abortion who has not seen one.

“Abortion does not end the life of a potential human person; it ends the life of a human person with great potential.” **Bryan Kemper,**
Director, Youth Outreach, Priests for Life



“CAN IT BE THAT WHEN WE SAID WE WOULD NO LONGER SIT AT THE BACK OF THE BUS, A PLACE WAS BEING RESERVED FOR US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC.” - Alveda King

GOOD NEWS: In about 20 states, a law, the “Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, has been passed to protect children in the womb 20 weeks forward, the point at which there is strong evidence the CHILD CAN FEEL PAIN.

Abortion- the HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE!!

Dr. Bernard Nathanson, a key architect of the abortion industry, became a strong pro-life advocate and in **speaking to the clergy** once said, ***“We would never have gotten away with what we did, if you had been united, purposeful and strong.”*** Are we going to say that about the clergy in the future with regard to the rising socialism, censorship and attacks on religion and democracy now taking place in our country? **YouTube** has told Mary’s Field they are suppressing and censoring some of our content. We must be doing something right!! Mary’s Field!! - imagine who else is being censored?? So far, 17 churches have been burned in Canada. It is coming!! Yesterday, a friend (he and his family under death-threat) who escaped from Iraq said, “Beware, what is happening here is the way freedom was lost in Iraq. - **1984 is more than just a book.**



“I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there will be a chorus of voices (all the aborted babies, now in heaven) that have never been heard in this world, but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world. They will plead for everyone who has ever been in this pro-life movement. They will say to God, “Spare him because he loved us.” And God will look at you and not say, “Did you succeed?” Rather, He will say,

"Did you try?" Words of Congressman Henry Hyde, the sponsor of the **"Hyde Amendment"** which forbade the government funding of abortion but which Pres. Biden promised, with campaign pride, to repeal.

ABORTION, ANOTHER
SLIPPERY SLOPE: *Once you
begin killing babies every
other sin becomes easier.*

***"We are at the mercy of a generation that seems to have
no respect for God's standards and no awareness of His
redeeming Love."***

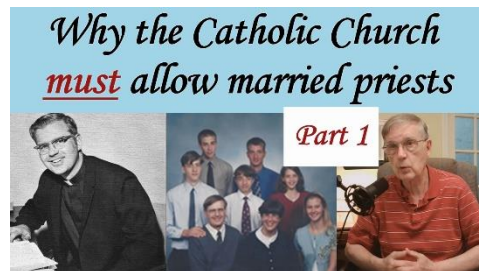
AMERICA IN CHAOS by Franklin Graham.

For thousands of years before the 1950's truth was as act of the INTELLECT. In the 1950's truth became as ACT OF THE FEELINGS/EMOTIONS. If it feels good it is true and if it doesn't feel good it is NOT TRUE. "If it feels good, do it; If it doesn't feel good don't do it, and deny it exists. FEELINGS ARE KING! "A person in the state of passion (emotion) is either drunk, asleep or insane." Aristotle

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