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Message: **"THE SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE"**
Text: Selected Verses
Speaker: Pastor Steve Balvanz

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Conception and fetal development are the act of God.

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II. Babies in the womb are _____

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Abortion would be out of the question if the womb had windows. If we could see the reaction, fear, and horror of the burning, cutting, or sucking of the fetus from it mommy's womb. But such a window into the womb is available via ultra-sound. And it has powerfully impacted some expecting mothers to change their plans regarding abortion as they see their tiny baby alive inside of them.

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God is not only the creator of life, He is also the holy and righteous judge in His universe!
God detests the taking of innocent life, and He will judge all who have participated in the murder of innocent children.

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V. Jesus Christ is our _____

God is not only the judge of all sinners, but also the Savior of sinners. If you are here today and you have had an abortion, encouraged an abortion, supported or funded an abortion, or performed an abortion, there is hope for you. There is no sin that God won't forgive. There is mercy, forgiveness, acceptance in Jesus Christ for those who will come to Him with humble and contrite hearts.

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