

Presenting the pro-life message to others is not always an easy thing to do. At times you may face adversity from those who view pregnancy as a choice. There is also the risk of hurting or offending those who have had a personal experience with abortion. In these situations we can learn a great deal by following the loving example of Jesus Christ. The pro-life message is a message of love and compassion. As we move forward, reaching our churches and communities with this message, we must go with *gentleness, patience, love, peace, and unity in God's Spirit (Ephesians 4:1-6)*

At the heart of the abortion issue are troubled young women and men. We must imagine the difficult and emotional situation that a pregnant woman finds herself in when considering abortion. As Christians, we know how our leader, Jesus Christ would approach this young woman. He would certainly love her and not condemn her for her sins. He would kindly speak truth and offer support. Following the example of Jesus, the church can be a great source of comfort and rescue for women and men facing unplanned pregnancies.

The purpose of a pro-life ministry is to minister to the innocent lives in need of a voice. We are commanded: *"All of you, live in harmony with one another; by sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble," (1 Peter 3:8)* As you work to establish a pro-life ministry in your church, be faithful and know that the Lord will honor your efforts and your compassion for the unborn.