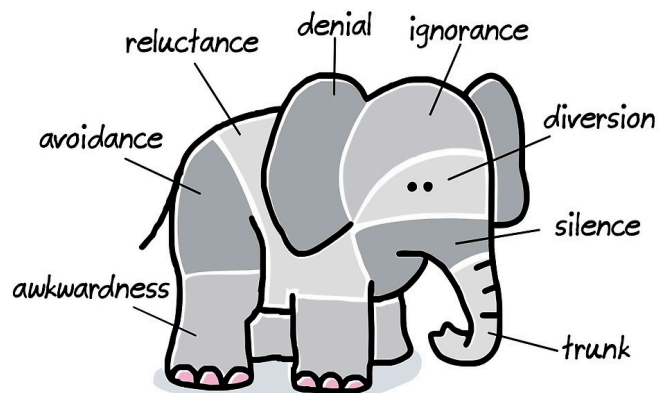


**THE FOUR BIG QUESTIONS:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ - Where did I come \_\_\_\_\_?
2. \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ am I here?
3. \_\_\_\_\_ - How \_\_\_\_\_ I live?
4. \_\_\_\_\_ - Where am I \_\_\_\_\_?

**PARTS OF THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM**



**TOP 5 REASONS PEOPLE HAVE ABORTIONS:<sup>1</sup>**

1. They're not \_\_\_\_\_ to be a parent.
2. They don't want to be a \_\_\_\_\_ parent.
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ afford it financially.
4. They're \_\_\_\_\_ having kids.
5. It will \_\_\_\_\_ life plans, education, work, and/or career.

**SIGNIFICANT FACTS ABOUT ABORTIONS:**

- \_\_\_ out of 4 women will have an abortion by the age 45.
- \_\_\_ out of 10 unplanned pregnancies are aborted.
- \_\_\_ out of 10 women who have an abortion already have kids.

**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ ALL HUMAN LIFE.**

**Genesis 1:26, 2:7, 1:31** <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. ... <sup>2:7</sup>Then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. ... <sup>1:31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

**Psalms 139:13-17** <sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

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**GOD \_\_\_\_\_ KIDS AS SPECIAL.**

**Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 18:1-5** <sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, <sup>3</sup>"Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>5</sup>Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me,

**Matthew 18:10** See that you do not despise\* one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

o \**kataphroneō* (kat-af-ron-eh'-o); to not esteem, despise, disdain, think little or nothing of<sup>2</sup>

## GOD'S \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE FUTURE INVOLVES HOPE.

**2 Samuel 12:23** But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.

**Isaiah 11:6-9** <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the viper's den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

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## THE \_\_\_\_\_ AFFECTS OF SIN:

"I had an abortion years ago, it cost me only \$150, took about 10 minutes, but it has never left me. It's my single greatest cross to bear. I know I'm forgiven, but I murdered my child. It still bothers me 40+ years later. I'm able to reconcile ONLY because of Jesus Christ. If left to my own mind, without Him...I'd have probably ended my own life long ago. If you ever consider having an abortion know that you will live with it forever." -Karen

## NEXT STEPS & PERSONAL APPLICATION:

- **KNOW** God values all human life, and He alone is to be in control of life and death.
  - **FEEL** compassion for those who have been deceived.
  - **DO** take the time to come alongside those considering an abortion or are recovering from one.
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## DISCIPLE-MAKING & PERSONAL HEALING RESOURCES:

- *Pro-Life Answers to Pro-Choice Arguments* by Randy Alcorn
  - *The Atonement Child* by Francine Rivers
  - Post-Abortion Healing Class @ Post Falls Real Life, Monday nights @ 6:15PM, starting Sept 23rd
    - Register online at [reallifeministries.com/pfwomen](http://reallifeministries.com/pfwomen) or in person the day of. (You can also join a week late.)
  - Open Arms Crisis Pregnancy Center ([realchoicesclinic.com](http://realchoicesclinic.com) / 208-667-5433)
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## FORGIVING-SELF PRAYER:

Father, Your Word says that in order to be forgiven, I must forgive. So I come to you in the name of Jesus, in obedience and love, and I bring myself before You. I cancel my debt on behalf of what Jesus did for me on the cross, paying for *all* of my sin—past, present, and future. I choose to forgive this hurt against myself, and I ask that You would not hold my sin against me. I release myself from any desire on my part to see myself punished and promise to cease continuing to punish myself. You know my desires, needs, and hurts, so I ask that You would pour out Your love and healing on me. Bring me Your highest good, because You are a Good Father, Your name is Love, and Your will is that none of Your children would pay for their own sins. Forgive me for not seeing myself the way You do. Forgive me for all the negative and harmful words I have spoken about myself. Transform my thoughts and help me understand how wonderfully You made me in Your own image. Forgive me for my harmful actions I have chosen to engage in. Help me change my habits so I use my tongue to speak hope and life, even to myself. Father, please heal my heart and set me free to love myself as You do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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<sup>2</sup>Find translations for the Greek and Hebrew words of the Bible using the Concordances at [Biblehub.com!](http://Biblehub.com/)