

Cherishing Life

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Life is a most precious part of our Father's perfect plan, and by His decree we cherish and preserve life.

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, taught us, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”

A bishop in Utah recently shared with me an outpouring of love in his ward for a young woman and her family. Through a series of beautiful events, the parents determined to return to the Savior and His Church. During the time they were distant from the Church, their teenage daughter was involved with a young man. Returning, this precious daughter felt immense love from her Heavenly Father during a Young Women testimony meeting. She determined to more fully live the commandments. She wrote, “I began the repentance process with my bishop.”

Soon after, she became ill. In her words: “[A] test showed ... I was pregnant. I ... began to cry. ... My dad wrapped me in his arms and assured me everything [would] be OK. ... My boyfriend ... asked me to get rid of the baby. ... I declined.”

Care for Those in Need

She continued: “I have received so much love and support from our ward family. It has been overwhelming. [My] bishop and Young Women president have gone above and beyond to show their love and support. ... I have seen the Lord's

E tuha'a faufā roa te ora nō te fa'ānāhorā maita'i hope a tō tātou Metua, 'e nā roto i tāna fa'āuerā mana, tē poihere nei tātou 'e tē fa'āherehere nei ho'i i te ora.

'Ua ha'api'i mai tō tātou Fa'aora, 'o Iesu Mesia : « 'O te mea teie e 'ite ai te ta'ata ato'a ē, e pipi 'outou nā'u, 'ia aroha 'outou ia 'outou iho ».

'Aita i maoro a'e nei, i Utaha, 'ua fa'ati'a mai te hōē 'ēpisekōpo iā'u i te nīnī'ira'a nō te here i tupu i roto i tāna pāroita, nō te hōē tamāhine 'āpī 'e tōna 'utuāfare. Nā roto i te tahi mau 'ohipa nehenehe i tupu, 'ua fa'aoti nā metua e ho'i i te Fa'aora 'e i tāna 'Ēkālesia. I te roara'a o terā taime tei te ātea 'ē rātou i te 'Ēkālesia, 'ua fa'aea tā rāua taure'are'a tamāhine i te hōē taure'are'a tamāroa. I tō rātou ho'ira'a mai, i 'ite ai teie tamāhine faufā roa i te here rahi o tōna Metua i te ao ra i roto i te hōē putuputura'a 'itera'a pāpū nā te feiā 'āpī tamāhine. 'Ua fa'aoti a'era 'oia e ora hope atu ā i te mau fa'āuerā. 'Ua pāpā'i 'oia ē : « 'Ua ha'amata vau i te 'ohipa nō te tātarahapa 'e tō'u 'ēpisekōpo. »

'Aita i maoro 'ua pohe 'oia i te ma'i. Teie tāna mau parau : « 'Ua fa'a'ite mai [te] hi'opo'ara'a ē [...] 'ua hapū vau. 'Ua [...] ha'amata vau i te ta'i [...] 'Ua rave tō'u metua tāne iā'u i roto i tōna nā rima ma te ha'apāpū ē [e] e 'itehia mai te rāvē'a [...] 'Ua ani mai tō'u hoa 'ia ha'amarua i te pēpe [...] 'Ua pāto'i au.

Aupuru i te feiā tei hina'aro i te tauturu

Tē parau fa'ahou ra : « 'Ua fa'ari'i au i te here 'e te turu rahi mai roto mai i tō mātou 'utuāfare paroita. 'Ua putapū roa vau i te reira. 'Ua 'imi [tō'u] 'ēpisekōpo 'e tō'u peresideni feiā 'āpī tamāhine i te mau rāvē'a ato'a nō te fa'a'ite iā'u i tō

hand ... guiding me and my family. ... A ward such as mine is the family everyone needs, especially a young woman in my position.”

She and her family, and her ward family, lovingly welcomed her baby boy this past February.

President Russell M. Nelson said, “A hallmark of the Lord’s true and living Church will always be an organized ... effort to minister to individual children of God ... [ministering with loving-kindness] to the one, just as He did.”

Helping Righteous Choices

When a single woman discovers that she is expecting an unanticipated child, health concerns, spiritual turmoil, embarrassment, financial worries, educational questions, marriage uncertainty, and the sadness of shattered dreams can, in a moment of pain and bewilderment, lead a thoughtful woman to take steps that will bring deep pain and regret.

For any listening who have experienced the deep pain and regret from having or participating in an abortion, please remember: Although we cannot change the past, God can heal the past. Forgiveness can come through the miracle of His atoning grace as you turn to Him with a humble and repentant heart.

Two words are often attached to the sanctity of mortal birth: life and choice. Life is a most precious part of our Father’s perfect plan, and by His decree we cherish and preserve life; and we choose the continuation of life once conceived. We also treasure the gift of choice, of moral agency—helping to strengthen righteous choices approved by God that bring eternal happiness.

When a woman and a man are in such a fragile time, facing a crucial choice, our words, our hands, our hearts—spiritually, emotionally, and financially—can bless them to feel the Savior’s love and, as President Henry B. Eyring has said, bring a clarifying adjustment to their spiritual eyes from “what they think they see” to

rāua here ‘e te turu [...] ‘Ua ‘ite au i te rima o te Fatu [...] i te arata‘ira‘a iā‘u ‘e i tō‘u ‘utuāfare [...] Te pāroita mai tā‘u, ‘o te ‘utuāfare ia tei tītāuhia nō te mau ta‘ata ato‘a, nō te hō‘ē iho ā rā tamāhine i roto i tō‘u vairā‘a. »

‘Ua fāri‘i maita‘i mai ‘oia, tōna ‘utuāfare, ‘e tōna ‘utuāfare pāroita i tōna ‘aiū tamāroa i teie Fēpuare i mā‘iri.

‘Ua parau te peresideni Russell M. Nelson ē : « Hō‘ē tāpa‘o rahi nō te ‘Ēkālesia mau ‘e te ora a te Fatu maori rā, te hō‘ē tauto‘ora‘a fā‘anahonahohia [...] nō te aupuru i te tamari‘i tāta‘itahi a te Atua [e aupururā‘a ma te here ‘e te marū] i te ta‘ata, mai tāna i rave ra. »

Tauturu i te mau mā‘itira‘a ti‘a

‘Ia ‘ite ana‘e te hō‘ē vahine ‘ōtahi ē, ‘ua hapū ‘oia i te ‘aiū mana‘o-‘ore-hia, e nehenehe te mau fifi i te pae nō te ea, te ‘ārepurepura‘a i te pae vārua, te ha‘amā, te mau ha‘ape‘ape‘ara‘a pae moni, te mau uiuirā‘a i te pae nō te ha‘api‘ira‘a, te pāpū-‘ore-ra‘a o te fāaipoipora‘a ‘e te oto o te mau moemoeā tūparari, e tura‘i i te hō‘ē vahine feruri maita‘i ‘ia rave i te mau ‘ohipa ‘o tē fāatupu i te mau iui ‘e i te tātarahapa rahi.

I te feiā ato‘a e fa‘aro‘o mai nei iā‘u ‘o tei fa‘aruru i te māuiui ‘e te tātarahapa rahi nō te raverā‘a ‘aore rā nō te tautururā‘a i te ha‘amaruara‘a tamari‘i, e ha‘amana‘o na ē : Noa atu ē, e‘ita tā tātou e nehenehe e tau i te ‘ohipa i mā‘iri, e nehenehe rā te Atua e fa‘aora i te māuiui o ‘ohipa i mā‘iri. E nehenehe te fa‘āorera‘a hara e tae mai nā roto i te temeio nō tōna maita‘i rahi ‘e te tāra‘ehara, ‘a fāriu ai ‘outou iāna ma te ‘āau ha‘eha‘a ‘e te tātarahapa.

E piti parau e fa‘ahiti-pinepine-hia nō ni‘a i te mo‘ara‘a o te fānaurā‘a tāhuti nei : te ora ‘e te mā‘itira‘a. E tuha‘a faufā‘a roa te ora nō te fa‘anahora‘a maita‘i hope a tō tātou Metua, ‘e nā roto i tāna fa‘auera‘a mana, tē poihere nei tātou ‘e tē fa‘aherehere nei ho‘i i te ora ; ‘e tē mā‘iti nei tātou ‘ia tāmau noa te ora ‘ia hapū ana‘e te vahine. Tē poihere ato‘a nei tātou i te hōro‘a nō te mā‘itira‘a, nō te ti‘amāra‘a mōrare—ma te tauturu i te ha‘apūai i te mau mā‘itira‘a ti‘a i ha‘amanahia e te Atua, ‘o tē hopoi mai i te ‘oa‘oa mure ‘ore.

‘Ia fa‘aruru ana‘e te hō‘ē vahine ‘e te hō‘ē tāne i te hō‘ē taime ha‘aparuparu mai teie, i mua i te hō‘ē mā‘itira‘a rahi mai teie, e ti‘a i tā tatou mau parau, tō tātou nei rima, tō tātou ‘āau—i te pae vārua, i te pae manava, ‘e i te pae faufā‘a—‘ia ha‘amaita‘i ia rātou ‘ia putapū i te here o te Fa‘aora ‘e ‘ia fa‘atae mai i te hāro‘aro‘a i tō rātou mata pae

“what they cannot yet see.”

The Doctrine of Mortal Life

President Dallin H. Oaks said: “Our attitude toward abortion is not based on revealed knowledge of when mortal life begins. ... It is fixed by our knowledge that ... all of the spirit children of God must come to this earth for a glorious purpose, and that individual identity began long before conception and will continue for all the eternities to come.”

The word of the Lord concerning the unborn, given voice through the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, has never varied and echoes the words of prophets through the ages, giving divine clarity to what the Lord has asked of us.

“The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints believes in the sanctity of human life. Therefore, the Church opposes elective abortion for personal or social convenience, and counsels its members not to submit to, perform, encourage, pay for, or arrange for such abortions.

“The [Lord] allows for possible exceptions ... when:

Pregnancy results from rape or incest, or

A competent physician determines that the life or health of the mother is in serious jeopardy, or

A competent physician determines that the fetus has severe defects that will not allow the baby to survive beyond birth.”

The First Presidency continues: “Abortion is a most serious matter. [Even in these rare situations] it should be considered only after the persons responsible have received confirmation through prayer” and counseled with others.

Thirty years ago, the Lord’s prophets issued a proclamation to the world. It includes these words:

“We ... declare that God has commanded

vārua, mai tā te peresideni Henry B. Eyring i parau, mai « te mea tā rātou e manaʻo nei i mua i tō rātou mata » i te « mea eʻita ā te mata e nenehe e ʻite. »

Te haʻapiʻiraʻa tumu nō te ora tāhuti

ʻUa parau te peresideni Dallin H. Oaks: « ʻAita tō tātou manaʻo nō niʻa i te haʻamaruaraʻa tamariʻi i niuhia i niʻa i te ʻite heheuhia mai nō te taime e haʻamata ai te oraraʻa tahuti [...] ʻUa faʻaotihia te reira i niʻa i tō tātou ʻite ē [...] e tītau-roa-hia i te mau tamariʻi vārua atoʻa a te Atua ʻia haere mai i niʻa i teie nei fenua nō te hōē fā hanahana, ʻe ʻua haʻamata teie hīroʻa tātaʻitahi hou ʻa hapūhia ai ʻe e tāmau noa te reira i te mau tau mure ʻore e haere mai nei. »

Te parau a te Fatu nō niʻa i te tama e fānauhia, tei faʻahitihia nā roto i te Peresideniraʻa Mātāmua ʻe te pupu nō te Tino ʻAhuru Ma Piti ʻāpōsetolo, ʻaita roa atu ʻia i tau, ʻe tē tāvevo nei i te mau parau a te mau peropheta i te roaraʻa o te mau tau, ma te haʻamāramama i te mea tā te Fatu e ani ra ia tātou.

« Tē tiʻaturi nei Te ʻĒkālesia a Iesu Mesia i te Feiā Moʻa i te mau Mahana Hopēʻa nei i te moʻaraʻa o te ora tāata nei. Nō reira, tē pātōʻi nei te ʻĒkālesia i te haʻamaruaraʻa tamariʻi ʻōpuahia nō te faʻaōhie i te oraraʻa tāata hōē ʻe i te oraraʻa pae tōtiare, ʻe tē aō nei i tōna mau melo ʻeiaha e tūraʻi, e rave, e faʻaitoito, e ʻaufau, ʻaore rā e faʻaau i te reira mau haʻamaruaraʻa tamariʻi.

« E faʻariʻi te [Fatu] i te tahi ʻōpaeraʻa [...] :

ʻIa hapū te vahine nā roto i te māferaraʻa ʻaore rā te haratoto, ʻaore rā

ʻIa parau te hōē taote ʻaravihi ē, e mea ataata roa te reira nō te ea ʻe te ora o te metua vahine, ʻaore rā

ʻIa parau te hōē taote ʻaravihi ē, e mau fifi rahi tō te fētō ʻe eʻita te ʻaiū e ora mai i te fānau-raʻa. »

Te parau faʻahou nei te Peresideniraʻa Mātāmua : « E ʻohipa teimaha mau te haʻamaruaraʻa tamariʻi. [Noa atu tei roto te tāata i teie vairāʻa varavara] e mea tano ʻia feruri-noa-hia te reira e te feiā e amo i terā hōpoiʻa, i muri aē i te faʻariʻiraʻa i te haʻapāpūraʻa nā roto i te pure » ʻe te tītauraʻa i te parau faʻaāo a vetahi ē.

E toru ʻahuru matahiti i māʻiri aʻenei, ʻua vau-vau mai te mau peropheta a te Fatu i te hōē poroʻi i tō te ao nei. Tei roto teie mau parau :

« Tē faʻaʻite [...] nei mātou ē, ʻua faʻaue mai te

that the sacred powers of procreation are to be employed only between man and woman, lawfully wedded as husband and wife.

“We declare the means by which mortal life is created to be divinely appointed. We affirm the sanctity of life and of its importance in God’s eternal plan.”

Nurturing and protecting life that is yet unborn is not a political position. It is a moral law confirmed by the Lord through His prophets.

Speaking More Openly

A statement by President J. Reuben Clark Jr., who served in the First Presidency, beautifully describes our youth today: “The youth of the Church are hungry for things of the Spirit; they are eager to learn the gospel, and they want it straight, undiluted. They want to know about ... our beliefs; they want to gain testimonies of [the] truth. They are ... inquirers, seekers after truth.” Let us speak more often with faith and compassion to our youth in our homes, and with each other in our Relief Society and elders quorum meetings, about the Lord’s law of chastity, the sanctity of life, and the care of the unborn and their mothers.

A dear sister wrote to me of an experience she had decades ago: “As a 17-year-old ... , I found myself pregnant with little to no support from my boyfriend. I felt ashamed and alone [but I] never considered [an abortion]. ... I [had] my loving family and my bishop, with whom I met regularly for guidance. ... I turned to God. I studied the scriptures ... and prayed [and] found strength through my Savior and the repentance process. ... I received an answer [to my prayers] that I could not deny. ... It was heartbreaking, but I knew I would be placing my daughter for adoption. ... I prayed for courage [and] felt the Savior’s love so clearly through repentance, I know that God ... answers prayers and strengthens us.”

A loving couple adopted the precious baby

Atua ē, te mana mo’a nō te hāmanirā’a i te ta’ata ’ia fa’ā’ohipahia ia i rotopū ana’e iho i te tāne ē i te vahine ’o tei fa’aipoipohia mai te au i te ture.

« Tē fa’ā’ite pāpū nei mātou [ē] te huru o te hāmanirā’a i te ora i te tāhuti nei ’ua ha’amauhia ia e te Atua. Tē ha’apāpū nei mātou i te huru mo’a o te ora ē tōna faufa’a rahi i roto i te fa’anahora’a mure ’ore a te Atua. »

Te fa’a’amura’a ē te pānurura’a i te tama e fānauhia, e ’ere ia i te ti’ara’a poritita. E ture mōra-re tei ha’apāpūhia e te Fatu nā roto i tāna mau peropheta.

Ha’amatara rahi atu ā i te ’āparaura’a

E parau fa’ahiti nā te peresideni J. Reuben Clark Jr., tei tāvini i roto i te Peresidenirā’a Mātāmua, tē fa’ata’a nehenehe nei i te parau nō tō tātou feiā ’apī i teie mahana : « E mea po’ia roa te feiā ’apī o te ’Ēkalesia i te mau mea o te Vārua ; e hia’āi rahi tō rātou ’ia ha’api’i i te ’evanelia, ē tē hina’aro nei rātou i te reira ma te ’āfaro ē te tara-pape ’ore. ’Ua hina’aro rātou ’ia ’ite e aha [...] tō tātou mau ti’aturira’a ; ’ua hina’aro rātou ’ia noa’a mai te ’itera’a pāpū nō [te] parau mau. E mea [...] uiui rātou, e mea ’imi rātou i te parau mau. » Paraparau pinepine atu ā ana’e ma te fa’aro’o ē te aumihi i te feiā ’apī i tō tātou ’utuāfare, ē i te tahi ē te tahi i roto i tō tātou mau rurura’a Sōtaiete Tauturu ē pupu peresibutero, nō ni’a i te ture nō te vi’ivi’i ’ore a te Fatu, te mo’ara’a o te ora ē te aupuru o te tama e fānauhia ē tō rātou metua vahine.

’Ua pāpā’i mai te hōē tuahine iti i te ’ohipa i tupu nōna ’a tau ’ahuru matahiti i ma’iri : « I tō’u 17ra’a matahiti [...] ’ua hapū vau ē ’aore re’a tauturu mai roto mai i tō’u hoa tamāroa. ’Ua tupu te ha’amā ē te mana’o āta’a [terā rā] ’aita roa atu vau i feruri e [ha’amarua i te aiū] [...] Tē [vai ra] tō’u ’utuāfare here ē tō’u ’ēpisekōpo, tā’u i fārerei tāmāu noa nō te arata’ira’a [...] ’Ua fāriu vau i ni’a i te Atua. ’Ua tai’o vau i te mau pāpā’ira’a mo’a [...] ē ’ua pure [ē] ’ua ’itehia mai te pūai nā roto i tō’u Fa’aora ē te fa’anahora’a nō te tātarahapa [...] ’Ua fa’ari’i au i te hōē pāhonora’a [i tā’u mau pure] ē’ita tā’u e nehenehe e huna [...] ’Ua ’oto roa tō’u ’ā’au, ’ua ’ite ato’a rā vau ē, e mea tano ’ia hōro’a vau i tā’u tamāhine ’ia fa’a’amuhia [...] ’Ua pure au nō te itoitō [ē] ’ua putapū pāpū vau i te here o te Fa’aora nā roto i te tātarahapa, ’ua ’ite au ē, e pāhono te Atua [...] i te pure ma te ha’apūai ia tātou. »

E ta’ata fa’aipoipo tei fa’a’amu i teie aiū

girl and taught her the gospel. She is now married with a beautiful family of her own.

At times, profoundly difficult and agonizing uncertainty can accompany the protection of life.

Recently a young couple whom Kathy and I love wrote me about the precious baby they were expecting.

The father wrote: “[When my wife was] 10 weeks pregnant we found out that our miracle baby has the genetic condition of trisomy 21, commonly known as Down syndrome. We felt the pressure ... from the medical field to consider termination. A few weeks later we discovered ... our unborn child ... would require multiple heart surgeries in her first year of life. Throughout this process as we prayed fervently for divine help, ... we have felt the Spirit give us comfort. We received revelation and understanding that our daughter is an elite child of Heavenly Father and has an immense desire to be in our family and to come to earth.”

The baby’s mother wrote: “[We] were completely shocked, confused, and honestly devastated by the news. ... When I was 14 weeks pregnant, we found out that our baby had multiple congenital heart defects, one that could be potentially fatal. We saw countless doctors and specialists from 10–18 weeks’ gestation. ... At each of our appointments, we were asked if we wanted to continue with the pregnancy or terminate. ... The Savior healed my heart and gave me a sense of peace and excitement about our baby girl. ... [Heavenly Father] has shown me time and time again that He has a perfect plan for me [and] I trust Him.”

They excitedly welcomed their baby girl exactly one week ago today. She is theirs and they are hers forever.

Undaunted faith and remarkable courage are hallmarks of disciples of Jesus Christ.

A Remarkable Example of Faith

Through the years, I have had the privilege of meeting with men and women who have hum-

tamāhine iti ‘e ‘ua ha’api’i iāna i te ‘evanelia. ‘Ua fa’aipoipohia ‘oia i teienei ‘e e ‘utuāfare nehenehe tōna.

I te tahi mau taime, e nehenehe te mau mana’o pāpū ‘ore hōhonu ‘e te hepohepo e ‘āpē‘e i te ‘ohipa pāfurura’a i te ora.

‘Aita i maoro a’enei, ‘ua pāpā’i mai nā ta’ata fa’aipoipo tā māua Kathy i here, nō ni’a i te ‘aiū iti tā rāua e tiā’i ra.

‘Ua pāpā’i te metua tāne : « I te 10ra’a o te hepetoma o te hapūra’a [tā’u vahine] ‘ite a’era māua ē, e mā’i trisomie 21 tō tō māua ‘aiū temeio, tei parau-noa-hia, Toromotoma hau. ‘Ua ‘ite māua i te tura’ira’a [...] a te feiā utuutu ‘ia feruri i te rāve’a nō te ha’amaruara’a. Tau hepetoma i muri mai ‘ua ‘itehia mai ē [...] nō teie tama e fānauhia tā māua [...] e tītauhia e rave rahi tāpūra’a i te māfatu i roto i te matahiti mātāmua o tōna orara’a. I te roara’a o teie ‘ohipa, ‘a pure ‘ū’ana ai māua nō te tauturu a te Atua [...] ‘ia ‘ite māua i te Vārua i te tāmāhanahanara’a ia māua. ‘Ua fa’ari’i māua i te fa’aurura’a ‘e te hāro’aro’ara’a ē, e tamari’i fāito hau a’e nā te Metua i te ao ra tā māua tamāhine, ‘e e hina’aro rahi tōna ‘ia fānauhia i roto i tō mātou ‘utuāfare ‘e ‘ia haere mai i ni’a i te fenua nei. »

‘Ua pāpā’i te metua vahine o teie ‘aiū : « ‘Ua hitimahuta roa [māua], ‘ua huru ē, ‘ua ārepurepu ‘e te parau mau, ‘ua oti roa māua i teie parau ‘āpī [...] I te 14 o te hepetoma o tō’u hapūra’a, ‘ua ‘itehia mai ē, e rave rahi fifi puna i te māfatu o tā māua pēpe, te hōē ‘o tē nehenehe e ha’apohe roa iāna. E rave rahi taote ‘e te ‘aivāna’a ihima’i tā māua i fārerei mai te 10 ē tae atu i te 18ra’a hepetoma nō te hapūra’a [...] I tā māua mau fāre-reira’a tāta’itahi, e anihia mai ē ‘ua hina’aro ānei māua e tāmāu noa, ‘e ‘aore rā e tāpē’a i te hapūra’a [...] ‘Ua tamarū te Fa’aora i te māuiui o tō’u ‘ā’au ‘e ‘ua tu’u mai i te mana’o nō te hau ‘e te ‘ana’ana-tae nō tā māua ‘aiū tamāhine [...] ‘Ua fa’a’ite mai [te Metua i te ao ra] iā’u i terā ‘e terā taime ē, e fa’anahora’a maita’i roa tāna nō’u [e] ‘ua ti’aturi au iāna. »

Ma te ‘ana’anatae ‘ua fa’ari’i rāua i tā rāua ‘aiū tamāhine ‘a tahi hepetoma i teie mahana. Nō rāua ‘oia ‘e nōna rāua ē a muri noa atu.

‘O te fa’aro’o fati ‘ore ‘e te itoitō fa’ahiahia te tāpa’o rahi o te mau pipi a Iesu Mesia.

E hi’ora’a fa’ahiahia nō te fa’aro’o

I te roara’a o te mau matahiti, ‘ua fāna’o vau i te fārerei i te mau tāne ‘e te mau vahine tei ‘imi

bly sought to return to the covenant path and to their priesthood and temple blessings many years after a loss of their membership.

On one occasion, I was to interview a man on behalf of the First Presidency for the restoration of his priesthood and temple blessings.

After his marriage in the holy temple, and after having three wonderful children, the man was unfaithful to his wife and his sacred covenants. A single woman became pregnant and wanted an abortion.

The husband's saintly wife pleaded with the woman to have the baby and promised that she would raise the child, once he was born, with her own children.

The single woman thoughtfully agreed not to end the pregnancy.

It had now been 10 years. The humble sister sitting in front of me loved the boy as her own and told me of her husband's efforts to make amends and to love and care for her and the family. The father wept as she spoke.

How could this noble woman of God take a child as her own who could be a daily reminder of the unfaithfulness of her husband? How? Because she found strength through Jesus Christ and she believed in the sacredness of life, the holiness of life. She knew the unborn child was a child of God, innocent and pure.

My dear brothers and sisters, the diminishing love for unborn children worldwide is a grave concern. God cherishes life. It is His work and His glory to bring immortality and eternal life to His children. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we cherish life. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." May we share our love even more abundantly with those who need us so desperately. I express my love for you and our Heavenly Father's love for His children coming to earth. In the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

ma te ha'eha'a 'ia ho'i mai i ni'a i te 'e'a nō te fafau-ra'a 'e i tō rātou mau ha'amaita'ira'a nō te autahu'ara'a 'e nō te hiero, e rave rahi matahiti i muri a'e i te 'erera'a i tō rātou ti'ara'a melo.

I te hōē mahana, 'ua uiui au i te hōē tāne, nā ni'a i te i'oa o te Peresidenira'a Mātāmua, nō te fa'aho'i-fa'ahou-ra'a i tōna autahu'ara'a 'e te mau ha'amaita'ira'a o te hiero.

I muri a'e i tōna fa'aipoipora'a i roto i te hiero mo'a, 'e i muri a'e i te fānau'a e toru tamari'i nehenehe roa, 'ua ha'apa'o 'ore 'oia i tāna vahine 'e i tāna mau fafau'a mo'a. E vahine 'otahi tei hapū mai 'e 'ua hina'aro e ha'amarua i te tamari'i.

'Ua tāparu te vahine paieti a terā tāne i taua vahine ra 'ia fānau i te 'aiū ma te parau fafau atu ē nāna e ha'apa'o i terā tamari'i i pīha'i iho i tāna mau tamari'i, 'ia fānau mai 'oia.

'Ua fa'ari'i terā vahine 'otahi 'eiaha e tāpe'a i te hapū'a.

'Ahuru matahiti i teienei te reira i te tupura'a. 'Ua here te tuahine ha'eha'a e pārahi ra i mua iā'u i terā tamaiti mai tāna iho, 'e 'ua parau mai i te mau tauto'ora'a ho'ona a tāna tāne, nō te here iāna 'e nō te ha'apa'o iāna 'e i tōna 'utuāfare. 'Ua ta'i noa terā metua tāne i te parapara'ura'a 'oia.

Nāhea teie vahine tura ari'i a te Atua i fa'ari'i ai i te hōē tamari'i 'ei tama nāna, e riro ē, e fa'aha'amana'ora'a terā tama nō te fa'aturi a tāna tāne? Nāhea ? Nō te mea 'ua 'itehia iāna te pūai nā roto ia Iesu Mesia 'e 'ua ti'aturi 'oia i te ra'ara'a o te ora, te mo'ara'a o te ora. I 'ite 'oia ē te tama e fānauhia, e tamari'i iā nā te Atua, e mea hara 'ore 'e te ateate.

E au mau taea e mau tuahine here ē, e mea pe'ape'a roa te itira'a o te here nō te mau tamari'i e fānauhia 'ati a'e te ao nei. Tē poihere nei te Atua i te ora. 'O tāna 'ohipa 'e tōna hana-hana te fa'atupura'a i te tāhuti 'ore 'e te ora mure 'ore 'o tāna mau tamari'i. 'Ei pipi nā Iesu Mesia, e poihere tātou i te ora. « 'O te mea teie e 'ite ai te ta'ata ato'a ē, e pipi 'outou nā'u 'ia aroha 'outou ia 'outou iho. » 'Ia fa'a'ite rahi atu ā tātou i tō tātou here i te feiā e hina'aro rahi roa 'ino ia tātou. Tē fa'a'ite nei au i tō'u here ia 'outou 'e i te here o tō tātou Metua i te ao ra nō tāna mau tamari'i e haere mai i ni'a i te fenua nei. Nā roto i te i'oa o Iesu Mesia, 'āmene.