"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to [lit. speak to the heart of] Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins."

Isaiah 40:1-2

Matters of the Heart

Sanctity of Life Quiz – Check the appropriate answer

- 1. Afraid and confused, the pregnant sixteen-year-old thinks abortion is the only answer.
- 2. He would pay for his girlfriend's abortion. Then he realized this was their child. But too late, the abortion had taken place. He is filled with guilt and grief.
- 3. The abortion haunts her. Her regret seems unbearable. She wonders how Jesus could possibly forgive *this* sin.
- 4. His wife's stroke put her in a wheelchair. Her speech is slurred. She drools. He wonders what would be so wrong with ending her suffering with assisted suicide.
- 5. Every day in this country nearly 3,000 babies, that God created, redeemed, and wants to call, die in an abortion.



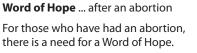
Our congregations should not speak to purely political issues like federal spending or promoting candidates. But we have things upside down if we think the Church should not speak to matters of the heart. And we have what it takes to do so—the powerful and positive heart-changing message of the Gospel! May we never withhold it from those who desperately need it spoken to their hearts.



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