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An Unplanned Journey: The Transformation of Abby Johnson to Pro-Life Activism.



Dear JLL Readers,

The release of the film “Unplanned” has been a triumph. Despite attempts by social media and critics to blackball this film, Unplanned came in at an astonishing 4th place behind Captain Marvel, and the first weekend grossed \$6.4 million dollars. I saw the film here in my pro-abortion state of New York, and the theater was crowded!

Abby’s first encounter with Planned Parenthood was at her college, where they had a booth set up with an eager volunteer who suggested that Abby also begin as a volunteer for the o. Abby at first believed she was helping women in need, who were in crisis pregnancy situations. Eventually, Abby rose through the ranks to become one of the youngest directors in Planned Parenthood’s history.

The film shows Abby’s growing discontent and uncomfortable feelings with Planned Parenthood’s abortion business model. Her cold, calculating supervisor, Cheryl cared only about the bottom line, which was profit-motivated, and she announced plans to build a huge facility specifically as an abortion center. This unnerved Abby, who confronted Cheryl about decreasing the number of abortions. For that, Abby was promptly reprimanded. The final straw was when Abby was asked to assist with an abortion.

When she saw the clear image of the unborn child being torn apart on the ultrasound screen, Abby was upset to the point of tears by what she witnessed. That was the end of her work at Planned Parenthood.

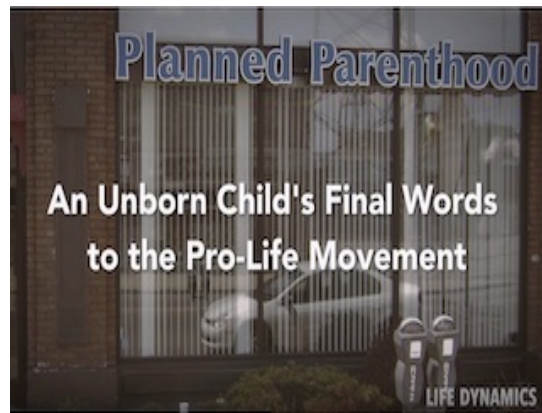
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Abby's amazing journey led her to form a pro-life organization, *And Then There Were None*, and through her dedication and work Abby has helped over 430 abortion workers leave the industry. That is an incredible accomplishment.

The acting in *Unplanned* was excellent. Ashley Bratcher stood out in her sensitive and emotional portrayal of Abby. Robia Scott delivered a cold, unyielding performance as Abby's supervisor who gave this analogy regarding the murder of babies: "Abortion is our fries and soda."

Other noteworthy performances: Jared Lotz as Shawn Carney, Founder of *40 Days for Life*, who helped Abby in her conversion; Emma Elle Roberts as Marilisa; and Anise Nyell Johnson as Rhonda's distraught mom who was begging her daughter not to have the abortion. At the end of the film, there is a number for help: Text "HOPE" to 73075. The film playing now and if you have not yet seen it, please do so. <https://unplannedtickets.com>

A Message from the Unborn



The most powerful words that touch our hearts come from victims who have the courage to speak up and tell what happened to them, enlightening us with their message. When the message is true and heartfelt, it is believed and evokes change in those who hear it.

But what happens when the victim never had a voice? When the victim is no longer with us, the only messengers to speak on his or her behalf are the people left behind. Lost in the daily political struggles within the pro-life movement is the unborn child's plea for life and mercy. His voice is hidden and then silenced.

This is the voice that Mark Crutcher, President and Founder of *Life Dynamics* portrays in a new inspirational [video](#), *A Message from the Unborn*. In a short and emotional 60 seconds, an unborn child speaks to us from his mother's womb in the final moments of his life.

I have had the opportunity to speak with Mark about this video before it was released. Mark informed me he has plans to hopefully produce a series of videos like this one, giving voice to the unborn child. He also is telling us to share these videos everywhere on social media and personal websites. Since then, Mark mentioned on his current *Life Talk* show that there has been a positive and overwhelming response to *A Message from the Unborn*. He points out that we have already won the intellectual argument; this video speaks to our hearts.

A Message from the Unborn gives voice to the unborn child, a voice that needs to be heard.

I believe Mark has tapped into something important. Too many pro-life advocates give up the fight because they don't always see the results. We should not become discouraged because our efforts are making gains and progress.

Mark often says that it is easy to forget that we are fighting for every single life. Every child saved is important and matters to G-d and the world. That is what *A Message from the Unborn* is saying to the pro-life movement.

The video can be found at the following link: [A Message from the Unborn](#).

For my full article and review please visit my website:

[A Message from the Unborn: A Child's Plea](#)

The Sacrifices of Childbirth (Tazria 5779).

“Thus the sacrifices a woman brings on the birth of a child, and the period during which she is unable to enter the Temple, have nothing to do with any sin she may have committed or any “defilement” she may have undergone. They are, rather, to do with the basic fact of human mortality, together with the responsibility a parent undertakes for the conduct of a child, and an acknowledgement that every new life is the gift of God.”

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

Rabbi Sacks' complete parsha for this Torah portion can be found on the rabbi's page, [Covenant & Conversation](#).

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