

From Invisible to Indispensable!

“On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable ...”

(1 Corinthians 12:22)



Abortion acts like some persons are invisible.
Assisted suicide treats some persons as invisible.

It says they don't have enough size to matter.
It says they don't have adequate skills to matter.
It says they don't have the right circumstances to matter.
It tempts us to use death as a solution.
It tells us we shouldn't have to look at them anymore.



If our unborn neighbor or the elderly one seems invisible,
if the persons with disabilities feel invisible,
doesn't anyone wonder why?

Their ages don't make them invisible.
Their appearances don't make their humanity invisible.
Their inabilities don't make their sanctity invisible.
Pretty and popular are just comparisons.
Productive and profitable are only perceptions.
None of these can impart humanity,
and none of them can deprive someone of it.

Humanity comes from what we are and not from what we do.
And just because it sometimes goes unnoticed doesn't mean it's absent.
No person's preciousness depends on us detecting it.
It isn't that the worth and purpose of the least of these are so little we cannot
calculate them.
It's that human worth and purpose are too great for us to comprehend.

It's not just her body, her choice.
It's not just his problem, his fault.
Your body belongs to the Almighty Father who made it.
Their body belongs also to the Incarnate Son who redeemed it.
Each body belongs also to the Holy Spirit who calls it His temple and treasure.
This is My body, says the Savior Jesus Christ.
This is My beloved son and My beloved daughter, says the Lord our God.
This life, embryo or aged, dying or disabled, is also your privilege and my
responsibility.

Humanity isn't made up of individuals but of indispensables.
We are connected. We are community. We are one body.
We need each other. We have each other.
None lives to himself alone, and none dies to himself alone.
If one member suffers, all suffer together.
We can do this, and we will rejoice!



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