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Beautiful babies born into a MESS...

It's so crazy… so unfair… so unreal… yet it's so shocking and will leave you speechless because it's a reality. Babies born into a messy situation.

After attending the memorial service of yet another precious gift from God – another baby who was found dead in the trash bin, most likely murder by his mother – I just had to take time through prayer and write about this and so many other precious children hurt, killed, and on a daily basis abused by one of the very own who is suppose to be their protector, being their parents.

First, I want each of you my readers to know what many of you already know which is babies don't ask to be born into a world, not only of madness, but they don't ask to be born into a family of madness either. An immature, no mature, "ooowee," let me move on mother or father.

You say, "babies are having babies," and this is true but guess what?

Babies don't ask to be born to a mother or father not ready to receive them and, most importantly, not ready to raise and protect them. Over and over, as I pastor, I see so many hurting individuals have babies and guess what hurt does?

"IT HURTS!"

YES, hurt hurts and it hurts the ones closest to them and this is being seen with the gift from God, his precious gift, a baby becoming a victim to the madness of both the male and the female.

Ok, what's a victim? "A person who is tricked, swindled, or taken advantage of."

How are these precious gifts, the babies, our children, being victimized by the mother, father, or other family members just for starters? First, their beautiful innocent baby like spirit is being taken away. How? Born into a world of unfit parents, not ready and not having a clue how to raise them with nothing but drama often putting the child in between the middle of their mess and madness.

Let's read in the word of God, Matthew, about who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Turn to Matthew 18:1. "At that time the disciples came to Jesus asking, 'Who is the greatest in theKingdomofHeaven?"

So Jesus called a child to come and stand in front of them and said, "I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the Kingdom of heaven."

What does Jesus mean when he makes that statement? What statement you ask? “I assure you that unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

He’s talking about the innocence of that child with nothing but pure motives to be just loved by both parents, who in human form, brought the child into the world.

I want each of you, my readers, to know that when you mistreat the gift of God, you mistreat GOD. If you make a baby, be ready to be held accountable by God for that precious baby, the gift from God. When I was a child, my brothers, sisters and I would play hide and seek. Often, I’d say, “ready or not here I come.”

This is likewise true with the gift from God, a baby. His precious child. If you have a baby and is not ready than get ready and get help if needed so this precious gift from God can maintain its pure innocence. There are individuals who will reach out but so often I see how HURT will even push back the love, preventing others from doing what they’re unable and willing to do which is deal with their OWN HURT, thereby hurting that precious baby in one way or another.

GET THE HELP OR GET THE WARTH OF GOD!

A baby child, the Son of God, was given to Mary and Joseph – the greatest gift to the world. Think about this as we are about to celebrate Christmas. Joseph and Mary did all they could to keep Jesus close by as their baby yet they realized he came for a purpose to save the world. It was so hard for both Joseph and Mary to let go of Jesus but they did all they could to protect him as the earthly parents.

Likewise, our precious babies are here for a purpose: to be loved, saved, and protected by the world, starting with the parents who brought them into the world.

Ooowee! Let’s pray that our babies stop making babies for starters. Next, let’s pray for the

protection of these beautiful babies once they arrive into a world of madness starting with both the mother and the father. And lastly, let's thank God for the many parents who are taking care of the gift from God, their child, their children, allowing them to keep their innocence. Let's thank God for grandparents and other extended family members who are stepping into the picture even before social services and foster parent agencies step in to protect the gift from God our babies.

In Matthew 19:13, it reads, some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them but the disciples scolded the people. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not stop them because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." He placed his hands on them and then went away.

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Remember you mistreat the Gift from God, you mistreat God and there's a price it to pay.

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