



Elephants in the Room

Part 2: Abortion

Abortion statistics

Nearly 53 million abortions performed in the US

879,000 abortions in 2017

About 19% of pregnancies end in abortion

Between 92-99% of abortions are for birth control

What does scripture say about abortion?

1. People are made in the image of God.

Genesis 1:27

2. God knows us before we are born.

Jeremiah 1:5

3. The shedding of blood is an especially serious sin.

Proverbs 6:16-19

**Is abortion only wrong
because of religious beliefs?**

**No, abortion is wrong because
it can be an immoral act and it's necessary
to make laws that address immorality.**

Should there be laws against abortion?

1. Are there instances where getting an abortion would be immoral?

2. Does a government have the right and responsibility to make laws against immoral behavior for the general welfare of its citizens?

3. Shouldn't we, then, make laws against immoral-only abortions?

If arguments for abortion were used for other immoral acts:

"Bank robbery should be safe, legal and rare."

**"If we don't legalize animal cruelty,
it will just happen anyway in back alleys."**

"If you don't like drunk driving, don't do it."

"I support a woman's right to choose to drive 100 mph in a school zone."

"My body, my domestic abuse."

"Terrorism is only 3% of what I do."

How should the church approach the issue of abortion?

1. Declare the truth in love.

Ephesians 4:15

2. Make other solutions available.

Ephesians 3:10

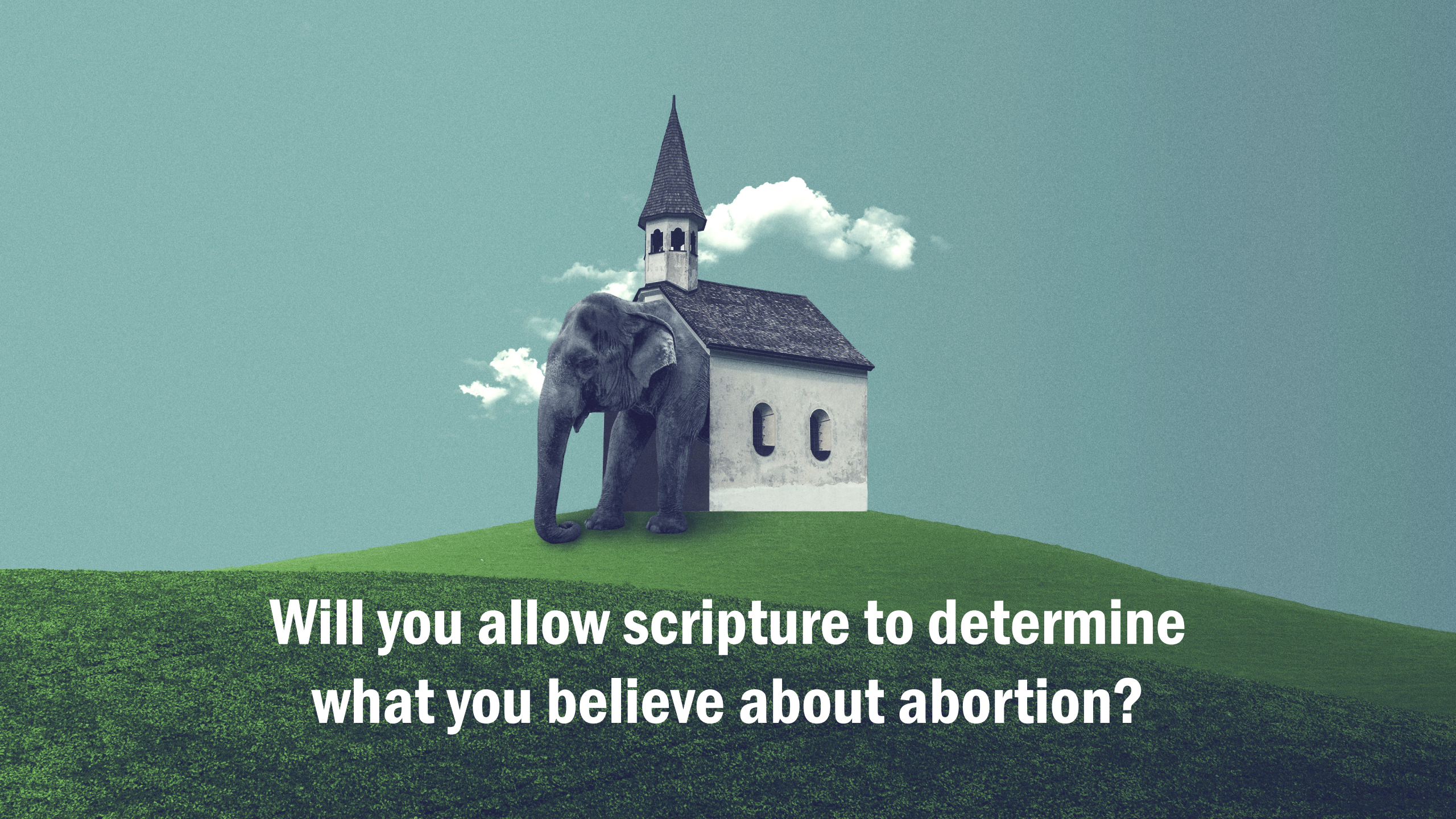
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3. Honor pregnancy & care for single mothers.

1 Peter 4:8

4. Offer healing for women who've had abortions.

Matthew 11:28



**Will you allow scripture to determine
what you believe about abortion?**