

LETTING GOD BE GOD – A BEAUTIFUL STORY

Pastor John Bornschein of Calvary Fountain Valley in Colorado was saved from abortion because his mother, who had aborted her three previous babies, took a stand, and gave birth to him even though his father pressured her to abort as he had with others. His father abandoned his mother when she chose life.

Later, when John was married, and his wife Brandi was pregnant with their third baby, she was diagnosed with metastasis, Stage 4 cancer. Their doctors insisted that to save or extend her life they needed to “terminate the pregnancy” immediately and begin treatment. John and his wife refused, sought another medical opinion, and continued the pregnancy. They nearly lost Brandi in the first trimester, but by the time she delivered their beautiful baby girl, her cancer was completely gone!

She battled cancer again for many years and doctors told her that because of her cancer treatments she would never have another child and she, herself, had only a short life expectancy. But the doctors were wrong! She gave birth to two more beautiful children, giving them a total of five in fourteen years.⁵⁶ She could have followed medical advice and aborted. She may or may not have survived the treatments and the grief of losing her baby to abortion. She may never have had any more children. Instead, she and her husband trusted God, and He was faithful to do above and beyond anything they could imagine. Their second grandchild was recently born, the third generation of a grandmother who chose life against all odds. The fourth generation of a great grandmother who chose life over pleasing others.

THOUGHT QUESTIONS

1. How do people’s circumstances in untimely pregnancies affect their definition of abortion?

2. In all the difficult circumstances in which people consider abortion, which ones do you feel differently about than you did before reading this chapter?

3. How does the gospel speak to these difficult circumstances and choices?

Note: Be sure to also answer the questions in the workbook from this story.