

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK:

ABORTION FACTS

During one **Get EQUIPPED** class, 164 will lose their lives here in America, 12,500 of them throughout the world,. More than half of those – children of Christians. Each abortion includes three main factors: sin, trauma, and loss.

Abortion is Violence and Trauma to Baby and Mother

DEFINITIONS OF TRAUMA

- Merriam-Webster – An injury to living tissue caused by an extrinsic agent; a disordered psychic or behavioral state resulting from severe mental stress or physical injury.
 - Dictionary.com – Pathology: a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury, as from violence or accident. Psychiatry: an experience that produces psychological injury or pain.
1. Abortion is *violence* against the mom and the child. Always for the child and often the mom it is a form of _____ violence. We saw from the reading material and video the complexity of abortion.
 2. Whether surgical or chemical, abortion is a trauma on _____ levels – physical, psychological, spiritual, and relational.
 3. Words like “healthcare,” “safe,” legal, “right,” makes abortion *insidious*.
 4. _____ do not expect to be traumatized by it.
 5. In abortion there is a *death*, a loss of human life, one’s own child. Not only is there a death, but a _____ – the taking of that life.
 6. No one at the clinic cares what you are going through. To them it is a medical procedure and a business transaction. The “counseling” women receive before the procedure is nothing but a _____ pitch.
 7. Combine what abortion is advertised to be with what it truly is, and it is very *confusing* and _____.
 - a. Many women are under *pressure* to have the abortion. (If you don’t have an abortion, you can’t live here. If you don’t have an abortion, I will leave you.)
 - b. They feel *trapped* with no way out.
 - c. They have no *support* for doing anything else. Or perhaps
 - d. they choose it to hide their own _____ of sex outside marriage.

- e. They feel they can't handle yet another *child* on top of the three or four they already have.
- f. They feel abortion will _____ them to finish school or have a career, but it actually disempowers them in the most important things God created them to do. All these things put together create an extremely traumatic experience. They are in a form of shock and have no idea how much they have been traumatized.