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**Broadcast:** Saving Babies Through Ultrasound – Part 2

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Roger Marsh: Here's today's Dr. Dobson Minute with Dr. James Dobson.

Dr. James Dobson: It's common to hear people say today that being a homemaker is boring and that the mothers who stay at home to raise children are accepting an unchallenging way of life. Well, compared with what, I might ask. The truth is almost any occupation you can name from a telephone operator to a medical pathologist to an attorney or a dentist involves long hours of tedious activity. Few of us enjoy heart thumping excitement each moment of our professional lives. No, I doubt if the job of being a homemaker is more boring than most other jobs, particularly if a woman refuses to be isolated from adult contact. But as for the importance of the assignment, many mothers tell me that nothing can compete with the satisfaction of shaping and molding and guiding a new human being. For them, it's a supremely stimulating investment of their lives.

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Dr. James Dobson: Hello, everyone. You're listening to Family Talk, the radio broadcasting ministry of the James Dobson Family Institute. I'm Dr. James Dobson, and thank you for joining us for this program.

Roger Marsh: Well, welcome to Family Talk, the broadcast division of the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute. I'm Roger Marsh, and during the next half hour, we have a special treat for you. Recently, we discovered several, I mean, I'm talking hundreds of broadcasts featuring Dr. Dobson from classic years all the way up through the present that have never been aired before on the broadcast of Family Talk. And so it's a special treat for us to be able to share with you this first week in January, the first of those new classic programs. And this one centers on technology that seems like it's a little bit commonplace for those of us in the pro-life community to understand. But the more and more we see a younger generation growing up and moving away from biblical values, the less we are confident that these people actually fully understand certain things like does life, human life actually begin at conception.

Now, we all know that it does, but there are a growing number of younger people, especially younger women, who are of the impression that when it comes to the issue of abortion, for example, that abortion is harmless, that it's really all about the mother. It's all about the woman involved has nothing to do with anybody else other than the mom. Now, you and I both know that that is

not true. The name of the game here is that this is a mother and a child. There's a human baby growing inside the mother's womb. But one of the ways that we have been made aware of this dearth of knowledge is the fact that so many abortion clinics fight tooth and nail to keep ultrasound technology away from the expectant mother. Now, if you go to an abortion clinic and abortion is scheduled, then of course they're going to perform an ultrasound because the abortionist needs to know how far along the woman is in gestation, how far along the baby is in his or her growth, and what needs to be done to end the life of that child in the womb.

Not to be gruesome, but that's exactly what they're doing. But it is very curious as you take a gander at what happens in the legislation fighting for the sanctity of human life, how many abortion clinics will fight tooth and nail against any sort of ultrasound technology being made available to the mother. Well, on today's edition of Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk, we're going to hear a conversation Dr. Dobson had with three women who dedicated their lives to helping expectant mothers and saving the preborn using ultrasound technology. We're going to hear Dr. Dobson and his former co-host, John Fuller, have conversations with Dr. Julie Parton, a pregnancy resource ministry director, also Darlene Norberg, who served as a consultant on the option ultrasound program, and Tammy Schafer, who performed more than 3,000 ultrasounds as director of patient care at Choice's Medical Clinic in Wichita, Kansas. Now you're going to hear remarkable stories of changed hearts and saved lives, including Tammy's own testimony of how sidewalk counselors intercepted her on the way into an abortion clinic when she was just 17 years old.

This is a powerful conversation, and of course it's one that's intended only for mature audiences. So if you have children in the listening range with you, please make sure you use parental discretion. And now let's listen into this timeless conversation, first time we've ever aired this discussion here on Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk.

John Fuller: We have a very important program, the continuation of a discussion that we started yesterday about something, Doctor, that we are so pleased about, option ultrasound. And this reflects the heart of this ministry in such a significant way.

Dr. James Dobson: You know, John, there are times when I just feel like the Lord has a certain ordination on what we're trying to do, and here we are talking about the value and worth of children, and I think one flows right into the other. Let's don't take any more time. Let's let people hear what I think is a very, very strong discussion about ultrasound. Let me introduce the three guests who have joined us at this time to talk about this project and why we're so excited about it. They've all been helping in various aspects of pregnancy center ministries for years. Dr. Julie Parton, pregnancy resource ministry director. Darlene Norberg serves as consultant on this ultrasound project. She's based in Dallas, Texas. And finally, Tammy Schafer has performed more than 3000 ultrasounds as director of patient care at a pregnancy center in Wichita, Kansas, which just happens to be

located right next door to Dr. George Tiller's late term abortion clinic as we talked about last time.

Julie, let me start by asking you about some of the tangible blessings that you've seen as a result of the work we're doing here. How many lives have you seen changed because of the vital work performed by pregnancy resource centers around the country?

Dr. Julie Parton: Yeah. Let me tell you a neat story that I didn't experience personally, but a physician who was a medical director of a pregnancy center. She told me the other day that she went in to do a scan of a young woman that had come into their pregnancy center and she went in and as doctors do, she introduced herself and the young woman, the patient said, "Oh yes, I know you. You did my last scan. And there she is in the stroller right over there." And so that doctor got to pick up that baby and hold that baby that a few months ago, this young woman had not been planning on caring to term. So that's the best.

Dr. James Dobson: That's why we do what we do, John, because not only with regard to our support for pregnancy resource centers, nearly 80 ministries all drive toward one purpose, and that's to win people to Christ. And the amazing thing is that the family and family related issues can take you farther in some cases than a church can, because you can get into places that a church can't go.

John Fuller: Yeah. The family need transcends a lot of different barriers and can get through places, as you just said.

Dr. James Dobson: It sure does. Julie, I want you to respond to this, that not only are there all these blessings associated with this ultrasound concept that's coming on strong now, but it's having an impact on the culture at large, isn't it?

Dr. Julie Parton: It is. As you've often said, I really believe that we're winning this battle, this struggle for the sanctity of human life. And I think the two key contributing factors are, first of all, the medical technology such as ultrasound that make it incontrovertibly clear that this really is a baby that they're carrying. And then secondly, the stories of post-abortive women who are willing to step forward and say, "I regret my abortion. Abortion harms women. It's not good for women."

Tammy Schafer: They say a picture is worth a thousand words, but when it comes to an abortion decision, it's worth way more than a thousand words. It's worth the life of a baby. And to show them that just dispels all the myths, breaks down the walls. I mean, even the person that in the counseling room has had their back to you, I mean, their body language is not open to what you're saying. They see the baby and the tears just start flowing.

John Fuller: Give us an example, Tammy, of what you're talking about. I mean, you've seen a number of women change their minds. What happens to that expectant mother who puts up a tough exterior even when her heart inside is breaking?

Tammy Schafer: We had one woman that came in that had 12 previous abortions and came in and we did a sonogram and nobody had ever shown her her baby before. She carried the baby and placed it for adoption. And it was born around Christmas. And can you imagine a Christmas gift that adoptive family got?

Dr. James Dobson: Is that right?

Tammy Schafer: And 12 previous with nobody ever showing her her baby.

Dr. James Dobson: When you go home at night after having showed a woman her baby for the first time and she decides to keep him or her, what do you think and what do you feel? You understand that smiling face of the Lord? You ever had that?

Tammy Schafer: It's kind of twofold for me because I was a teen in a crisis pregnancy. When I was 17 years old, I was in a small town school, was raised in a Christian home. My mom and dad were divorced. I lived with my dad and my stepmom. And my biggest thing was disappointing my dad. My dad thought that I was his good little girl and I didn't want to tell him any different. So at that time, my boyfriend, father of the baby said, "Whatever you want to do, I'll support you." And at that time I used to think that was a good answer now.

That's not a good answer. It puts it all back on your shoulders. But I said, "You don't understand. I cannot tell my dad. I cannot tell my dad." I was in this small town. I was a cheerleader, pretty good kid, never did drugs or alcohol or any of that stuff. But anyway, so I made an appointment for an abortion and was walking into the clinic with the cash in my hand of an appointment made. And I just told my boyfriend to go ahead and just go to the mall or whatever you have to do because the lady on the phone said, "Oh, piece of cake basically. Three hours, it will all be over. Bring a bag, bring a change of clothes, bring a driver, three hours will be done." I was like, "Oh, good. Three hours, it's all going to be over." So I was giving him a hug goodbye and out of nowhere because I made sure nobody was around that would see me.

I heard somebody say, "Well, at least go in with her." And turn on the back of the parking lot. There were two sidewalk counselors. I later came to know them as sidewalk counselors, Betty Born and Rob Cleary. And they approached us and even though I didn't know what abortion was all about, didn't know at seven and a half weeks a baby had finger toes, arms, and legs, I just started crying and I knew deep down, I knew in my heart it wasn't right. So we left there and I ended up telling my family, the hardest thing I ever did. And my son's going to be 15 in a couple of weeks.

Dr. James Dobson: Oh my. What did your dad say?

Tammy Schafer: Well, he was pretty upset. My mom and my dad had opposite reactions and neither one of them were quite normal reactions. My mom said, "Well, I hope it's a girl." And my dad, my mom too, that I had just had considered an abortion, he immediately came up with questions like, "How are you going to graduate from high school? And how are you going to go to college and how do you expect to be a teen mom and make it and things like that?" And at that point in my life, I decided that's why I became really stubborn. I decided I was going to prove it to him.

So I graduated from high school a semester early and went to nursing school in the following fall. And when I was in the hospital having him is when I decided to go into nursing. So I think that was all the Lord's doing too, otherwise I wouldn't be in the position I'm in at the clinic. But anyway, I had to tell him his story at age 10 because I was joining the clinic and Joe Wright, the pastor at Central Christian Church in which wanted me to share my story and wanted him to come. And I was like, oh. I stressed out about that for a few days. I prayed about and asked some people from church, "How do you think I should explain this to Aaron?" So I explained to him what abortionists do for a living and why I think women choose abortion, whether it's society telling them that they don't deserve to have a baby, something's wrong with a baby or they don't have insurance or reach your goals is going to ruin your plans or whatever.

And so I told them, I said, "You know what abortion is?" He said, "Yeah, that's when somebody doesn't want their baby and they give it to somebody else." And I said, "Well, that's adoption." And so I explained it to him and I said, "Well, Aaron, mom was one of those ladies and you were one of those babies." And he immediately without pausing and said, "Phew, that was a close one for me."

Dr. James Dobson: Did he really?

Tammy Schafer: I was like, "Whoa, at age 10, he realized he was almost out of this world without even knowing."

Dr. James Dobson: He got it. He got it. Tammy, that story you just told us is symbolic of a drama that's played out tens of thousands of times.

Tammy Schafer: It is. I see it all the time.

Dr. James Dobson: Well, it's a figure now close to a million a year. I see it all the time. And that very scenario is typical, isn't it?

Tammy Schafer: Right.

Dr. James Dobson: How many times have you heard it since?

Tammy Schafer: A lot. And when I sit across the table from them and say, "You know what? I know, I know what you're feeling." And a lot of times I'll tell them, "You're doing

way better than I am. I balled for four months. Anytime anybody looked at me sideways." They'll be sitting there listening and not crying. But basically, I can tell them life doesn't end. It's survivable. And what if you abort to reach your goals and you're too depressed to meet your goals anyway, then you're not going to have a baby or your goals met. And that personal experience and sometimes just telling them that story like that really grasps them if nothing else does and they really listen and they'll start asking me questions about what happened with me and things. But that's why I do what I do because somebody was there for me and if they wouldn't have been, I wouldn't have Aaron.

And I kind of am living, I was talking to my mentor the other day and kind of living by Romans 8:28 and 2 Corinthians 1. What I have experienced is the Lord is using for His glory and to impact His kingdom and change lives and save souls. And it's amazing.

Dr. James Dobson: Darlene, we're talking to women today who made the wrong decision at a moment like that and they aborted their baby, maybe more than one. And now they feel this tremendous load of guilt, especially as they hear Tammy. What do you say to them?

Darlene Norberg: I identify with them. I'm post-abortive and I identify with them and I say, reach up, look up, God's there.

Dr. James Dobson: Will He forgive this?

Darlene Norberg: Oh, does He forgive? Grace just...

Dr. James Dobson: Is there any sin He can't forgive?

Darlene Norberg: No. We just bathe in His grace. We just bathe in it. And it is so redemptive and how He takes those things, those sins and just washes them away and heals us and puts us into service for Him. I mean, I keep telling everybody, I'm just this little girl from Saginaw, Michigan and look at what the Lord is allowing me the privilege of doing. He doesn't hold it against us. He's so forgiving, but the toughest part is forgiving yourself.

Dr. James Dobson: Julie, you understand where these women are coming from?

Dr. Julie Parton: I don't identify on a personal basis. The Lord has spared me those difficult experiences and I'm grateful for that, but I certainly have talked to enough women who have been through them that you hit the nail on the head when you said that they don't believe God can forgive that sin. And that's what's so important for them to hear. There is hope and there is healing.

Dr. James Dobson: There is no doubt in my mind, but what given the size of our audience, and I'm still not sure how many are out there from day to day.

John Fuller: one and a half to two million people listening right now.

Dr. James Dobson: Okay. Imagine two million people in that crowd somewhere is a woman, probably dozens of them who are in a crisis pregnancy situation. They're scared, they're lonely, they're confused, and they don't know where to turn, and they happen to hear this broadcast. Weren't planning to listen today. Maybe they were driving to work and they had the radio on and they hear this warm voice of people who sound like they care and they do, and they're drawn to what we've had to say. Darlene, I don't want to put you on the spot, but I am going to ask you to pray for those women today. Would you do that?

Darlene Norberg: I'd love to. I would love to. Holy Father. Father, You're the God of new beginnings and we love You. And God, I just pray for the women who are hearing this message today. Lord, I pray that they realize that there is no such thing as a coincidence when it comes to a great big God. That Lord, that You lead us where You want us. And Father, I pray for tender hearts. I pray for women who are struggling with the issue of realizing that there is a life growing within their womb. And Father, they're feeling so many emotions now. Lord, I just pray that their eyes and their hearts would be open to the answers that you have before them. God, I pray that they would yearn for education. True Jesus, we just lay all of these things at the foot of Your cross because that's where the power is. And Lord, we love You and we lift up these ladies to You. We lift up these ministries to You and we ask all of this in the name of Your precious son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Roger Marsh: Well, on today's edition of Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk, we heard some powerful testimonies coming from some women who have been real pioneers in the sanctity of human life movement. And you know the most powerful testimonies often come from those who've walked through the valley themselves and have emerged with hope to share. On today's edition of Dr. James Dobson's Family Talk, Dr. Dobson welcomed his guest, Dr. Julie Parton, Darlene Norberg, and Tammy Schafer. We also heard from John Fuller, the former co-host of Dr. Dobson's original audio radio ministry. Now, if you missed any portion of today's program or if you want to hear them share their powerful testimonies again and share those testimonies with someone you know would benefit from them, we encourage you to go to [jdfi.net](http://jdfi.net) and you can hear all of the audio that you're looking for. [Jdfi.net](http://Jdfi.net), it's our new website. [Jdfi.net](http://Jdfi.net).

Of course, you can always go to [drjamesdobson.org](http://drjamesdobson.org) as you've gone before and go to the Family Talk tab and the information is there as well. But we really encourage you to take a look at the brand new resourcing that we have available for you at our new website, which is [jdfi.net](http://jdfi.net). As we think about the sanctity of human life, there's a new blog post going up next week, and it's a blog post based on the writings of Dr. William Lile, who goes by the on-air name of Pro-Life Doc. And Dr. James Dobson gave Dr. William Lile his start in terms of giving him a platform, giving him an audience to share with. And Dr. Lile just took it from there and ran with it. Quite frankly, he's written a piece based on

the life of Dr. James Dobson that focuses on the rather William Wilberforce-esque nature of Dr. Dobson's relationship with the pro-life community.

Prior to the passing of the horrible *Roe v. Wade* bill that passed through the US Supreme Court on January 22nd, 1973, there were a few states that had legal abortion, but many states did not. And this was a push by leftists to get abortion legalized in the United States and the Supreme Court ruling gave them all the ammunition they needed. In the first decade after *Roe v. Wade* was passed, what we found in the United States was that a lot of people were fighting for the right to abortion. A lot of women in the feminist movement were convinced it was the way to go that it was absolutely necessary. And it seemed like there was a lot of opposition from the Catholic Church, but primarily the argument was based on pro-abortion or anti-abortion for the good 10 years or so. And then Dr. Dobson stood in the gap and Dr. Dobson began hosting programs like the one you just heard today on Family Talk about saving babies through ultrasound technology with guests like Dr. Julie Parton and Darlene Norberg and Tammy Schafer, women who had really been fighting on the front lines of the Sanctity of Life movement and taking this radical concept that having an ultrasound machine at a pregnancy resource center, giving women the option to see ultrasound images of their pre-born child and then letting them decide whether or not they were going to keep the pregnancy or end of the pregnancy was revolutionary at the time.

Nowadays in the pro-life community, that's all we think about, right? We think of these organizations that are offering free ultrasounds to women. Statistically, between 80 and 90% of women who go to a pregnancy resource center, have the ultrasound and see the picture of the child in the womb, will decide to carry the child to term and then either become parents themselves and raise that baby on their own or release the child for adoption. And adoption is such a wonderful way to go, but it starts with an ultrasound and a trip to a pregnancy resource center. I want to encourage you, when you go to our new website, [jdfi.net](http://jdfi.net), what you're going to find is a tab there where you can find a pregnancy resource center near you. And what we encourage you to do and always do, but especially during Sanctity of Life Month, is we encourage you to go to [jdfi.net](http://jdfi.net), find that pregnancy resource center and then start praying for them.

Reach out to them locally. Can you volunteer one day a month? Do you have a medical background? You can volunteer to provide medical care. If you don't have a medical background, you just want to help out, show up. Help as a volunteer doing whatever is needed to make sure that that pregnancy resource center can serve the community. The number of pregnancy resources dwarfs the number of abortion clinics in the United States. A lot of people don't know that. And the work that we are doing through the pregnancy resource centers is absolutely first rate. Ultrasounds, you can get them there. Advice as to whether or not you can continue the pregnancy to become a parent, or if you need an adoption referral, they can help with those as well. But when we take the time to not only pray, but then act upon what we've been praying about, James tells us that faith without deeds is dead.

When we take those first steps, we're following in the footsteps of pioneers like Dr. James Dobson, who I think rightly so should be referred to as the William Wilberforce of the pro-life community. And that's why part of the mission, big part of the mission here at the James Dobson Family Institute is to defend the sanctity of human life. Every day, women facing unplanned pregnancies wrestle with fear, pressure, and confusion about their futures. And to be honest, a lot of women were planning on being pregnant once the reality sets in, sometimes begin to have second thoughts and wonder if they've got the means to carry on. Well, if they need more than statistics or arguments, they need compassion and truth and practical support to make the right decision and programs like the one you just heard, give us the opportunity to help reach listeners who may be facing those very circumstances right now. To give them biblical hope and to point them toward resources that can help like our pregnancy resource reference guide.

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Dr. James Dobson: In the typical family today, his dad thought of as a hero or a bum?

Roger Marsh: Here's today's Dr. Dobson Minute with Dr. James Dobson.

Dr. James Dobson: Believe it or not, the answer may depend on what mom thinks. This maternal influence was beautifully described in a book called *Fathers and Sons* by Louis Yublonsky. He told about growing up in a Yiddish home and sitting around the

dinner table, listening to his mother say things like, "Look at your father. His shoulders are bent down. He's a failure." As a result, his three sons grew up believing that their father really was a wimp. Yablonski concluded with this statement. He said, "My overall research clearly supports that the mother is the basic filter and has enormous significance on the father-son relationship." Yablonski is absolutely right. Children tend to see their fathers through the eyes of their mothers, picking up the subtle attitudes that lie just below the surface.

Roger Marsh:

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