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Is
Abortion
right...

or wrong?

*There is a way that seems right to a man
but in the end leads to death.*

Proverbs 14:12

***As image bearers of God,
we must pursue the sanctity of life.***

- **Women's Rights**

we must understand the issue.

- **The Bible's Words**

What does the Bible say about abortion?

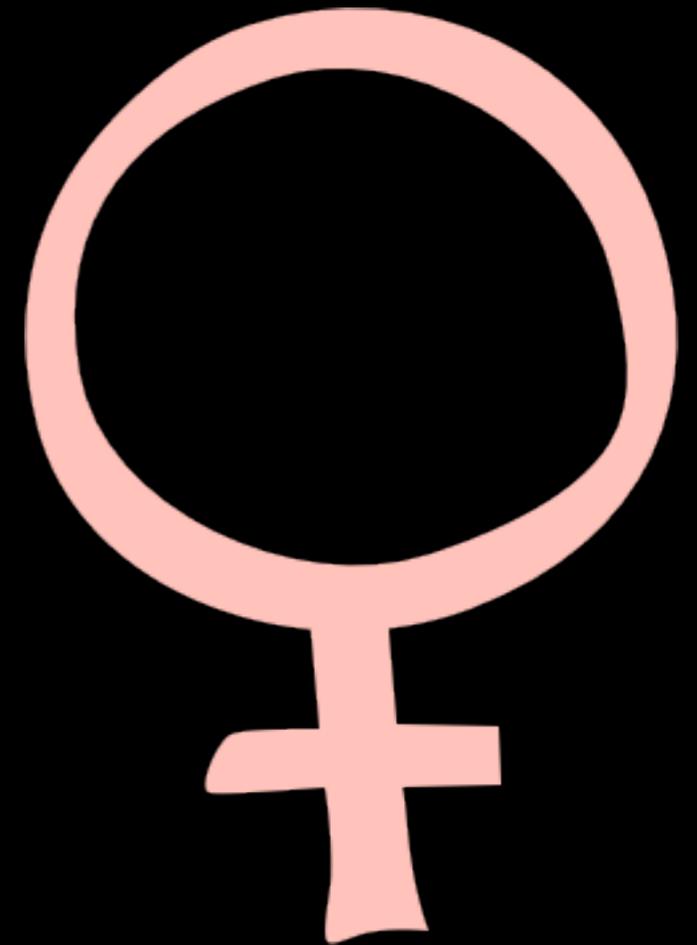
- **The Gospel and Sanctity of Life**

How can truth with grace open the door to discuss the issue?

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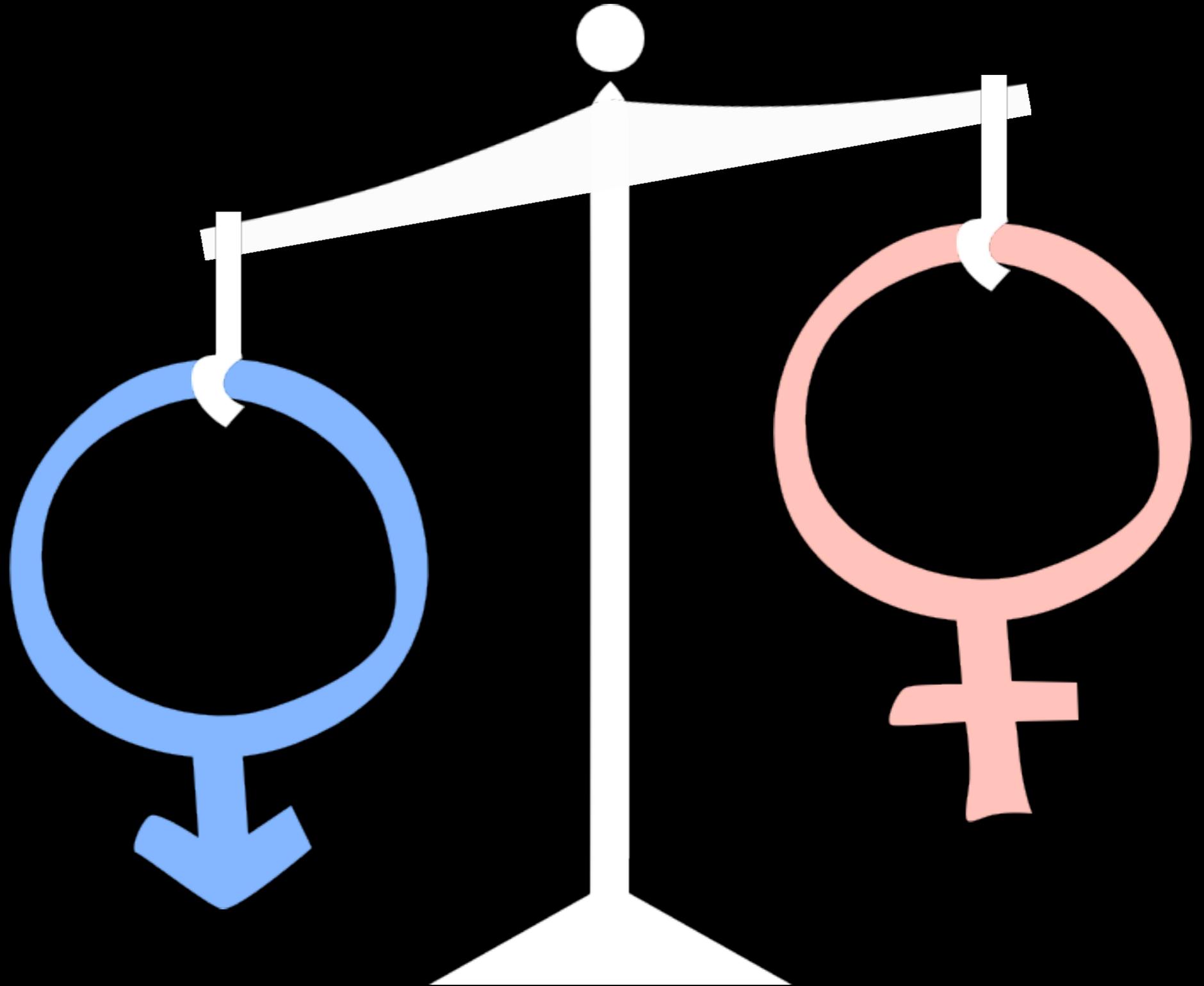
Women's Rights

Recognize and appreciate women's rights movement through history.



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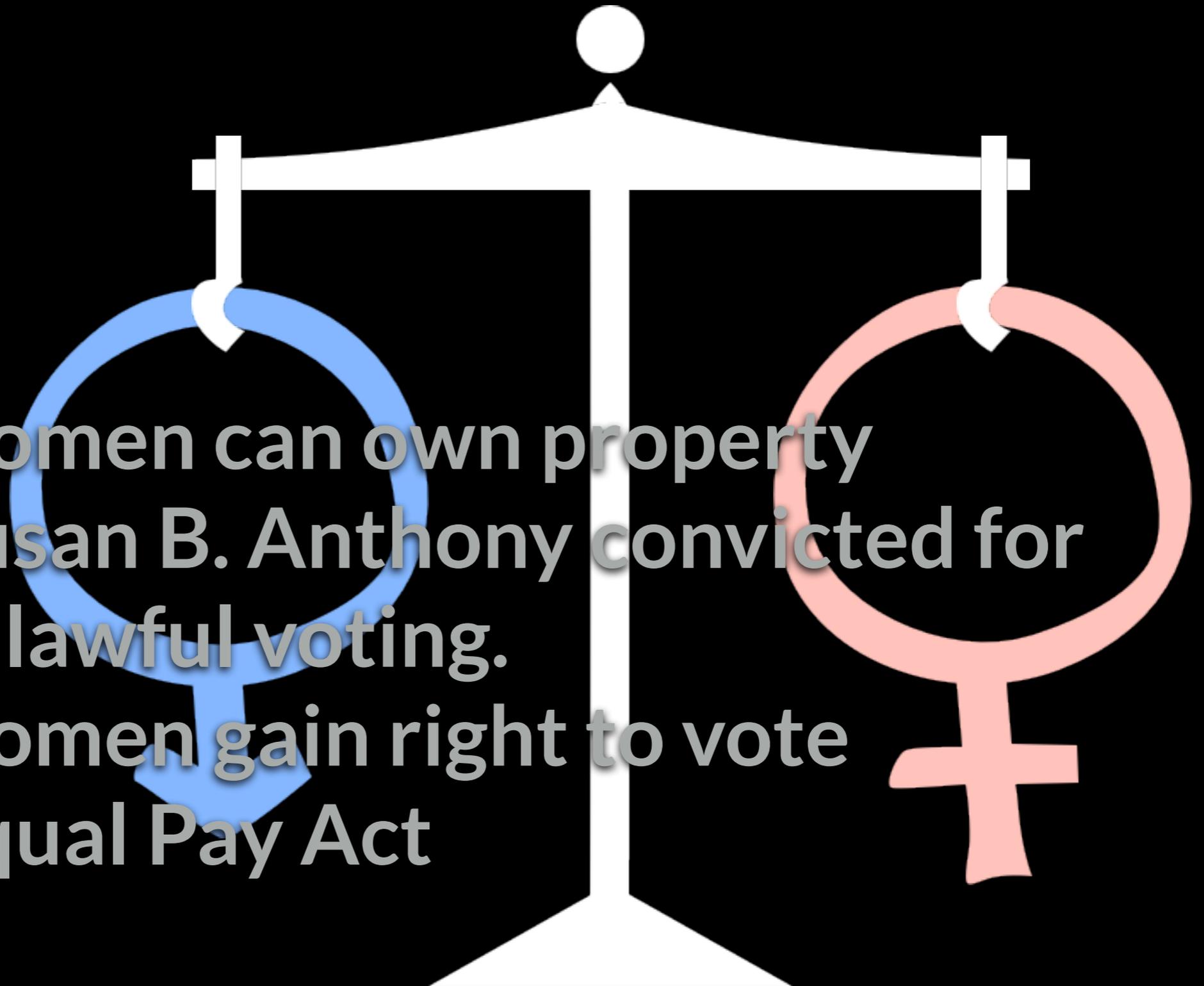
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1839 - women can own property

1872 - Susan B. Anthony convicted for unlawful voting.

1920 - women gain right to vote

1964 - Equal Pay Act



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Before



After

Industrial Revolution

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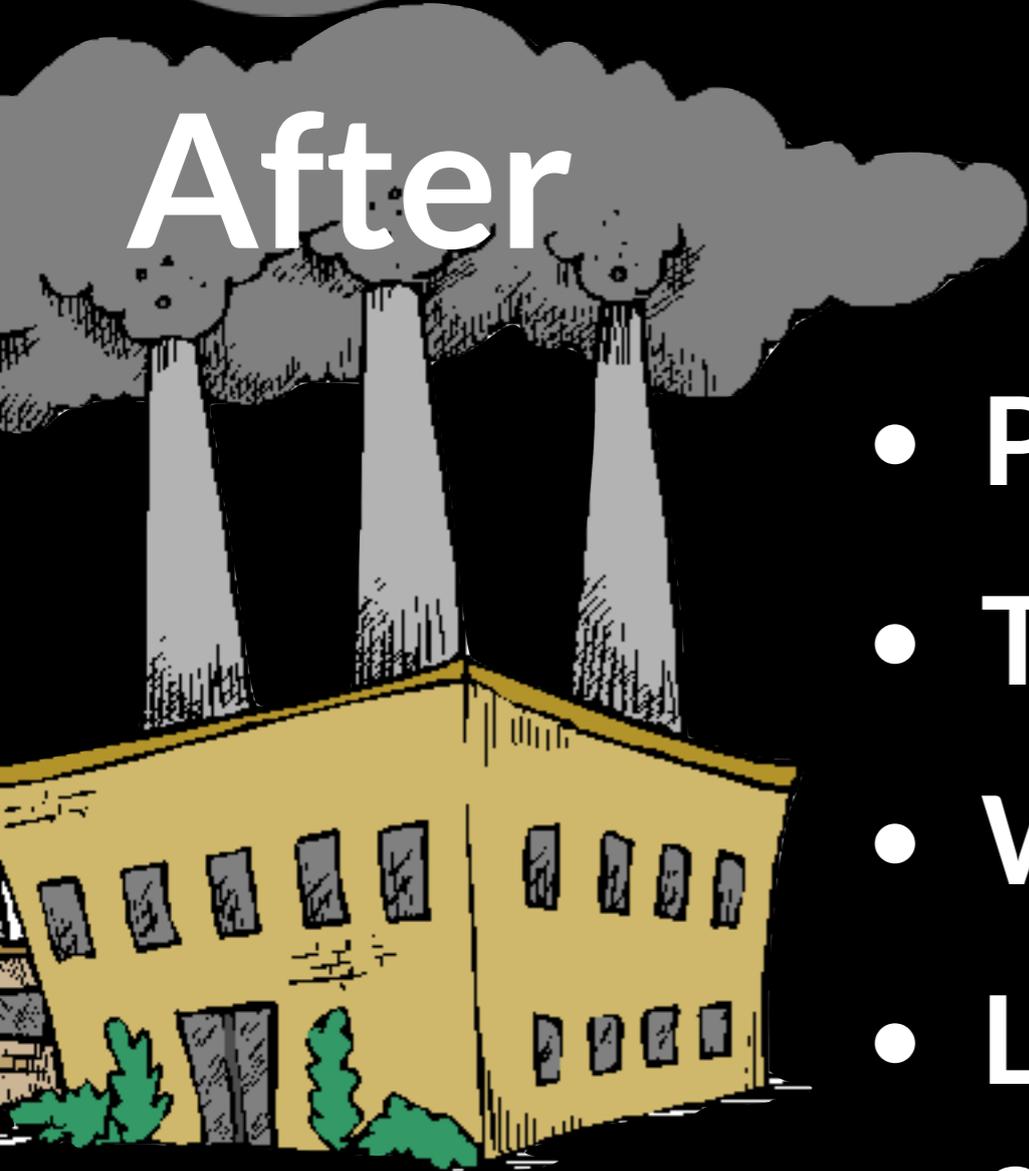
- household - economic unit
- husbands/wives worked side-by-side
- Republican Political Theory
- Public usefulness a higher goal than economic success.



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After

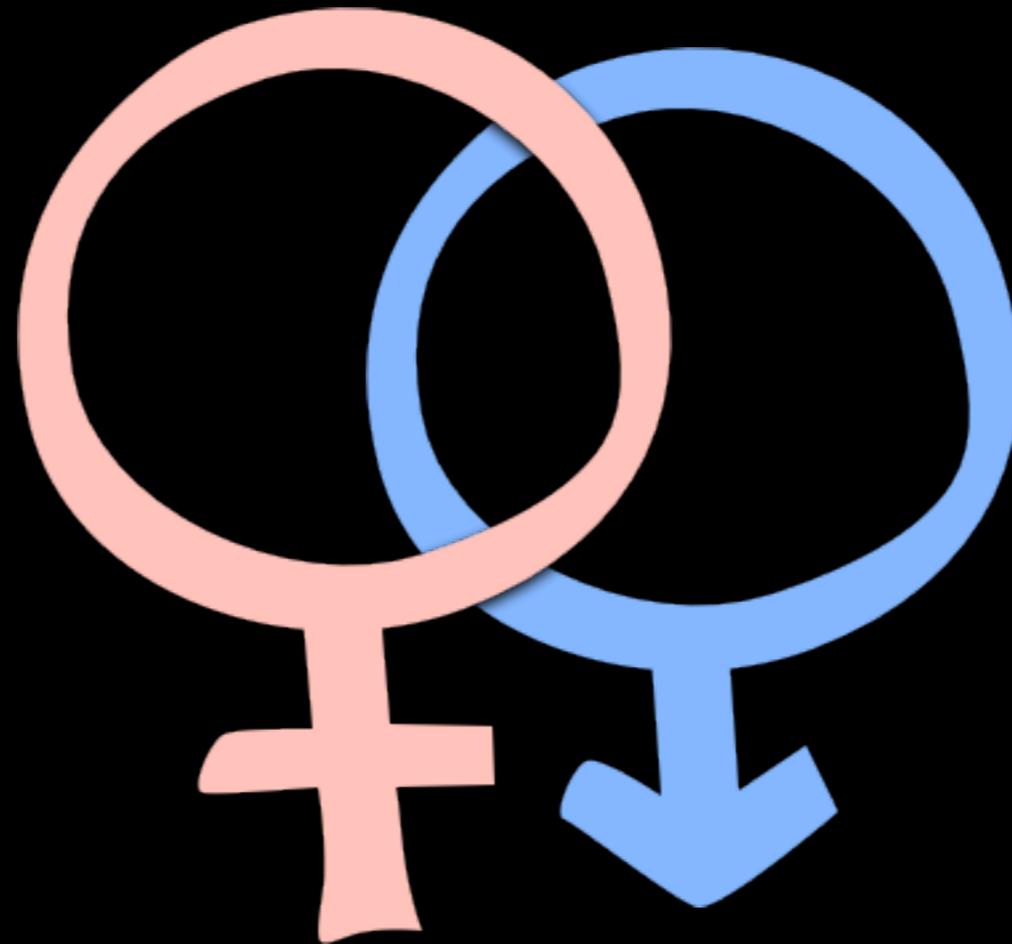


- Personal -> impersonal
- Task-oriented -> time-oriented
- Workers are interchangeable
- Laws that limit women and children in factories

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The Impact



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- Woman becomes consumer
- Woman reduced to “dependent”
- Highest virtue redefined from self-sacrifice for common good to competitive
- basic unit of society shifts from household to individual.



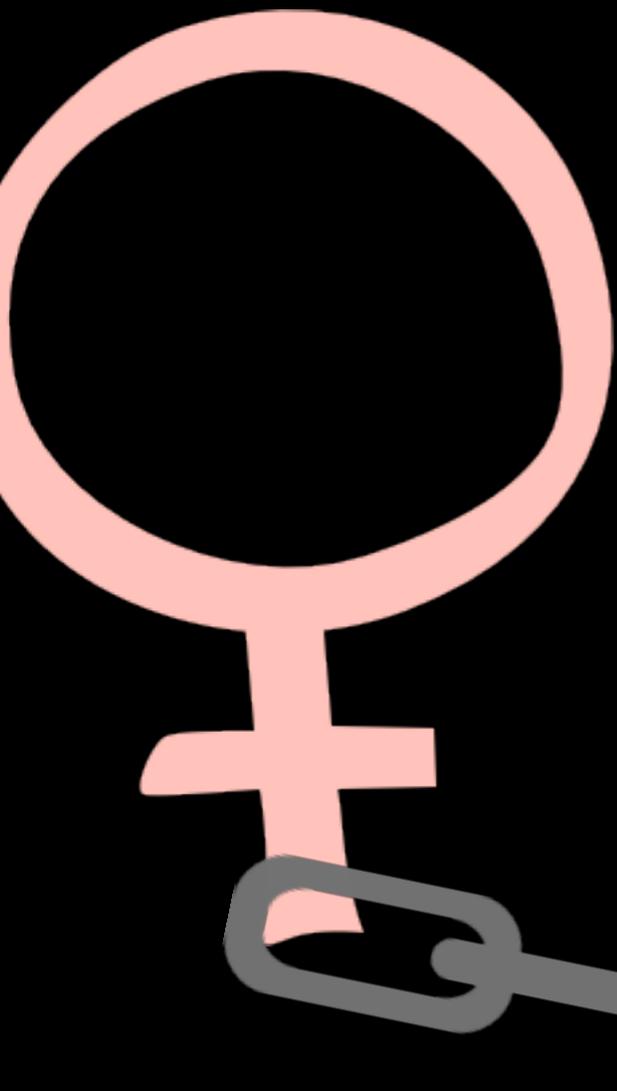
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What was happening?

- Shift in source of significance from shared society to individual success.
- Success measured by \$\$

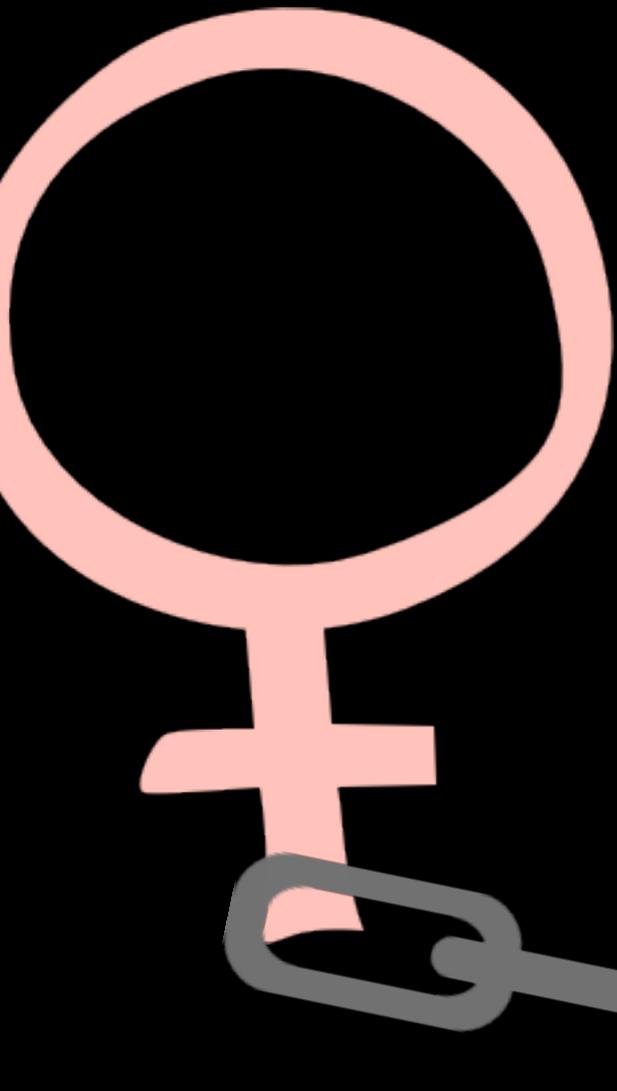
Where did this leave women?



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When someone with this mindset hears arguments against abortion, she hears it not as an argument *for the baby*, but as an argument *against women*.



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The Bible on Abortion

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

(Genesis 1:26-27)

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The Bible on Abortion

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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⁶ “Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.”

(Genesis 9:6)

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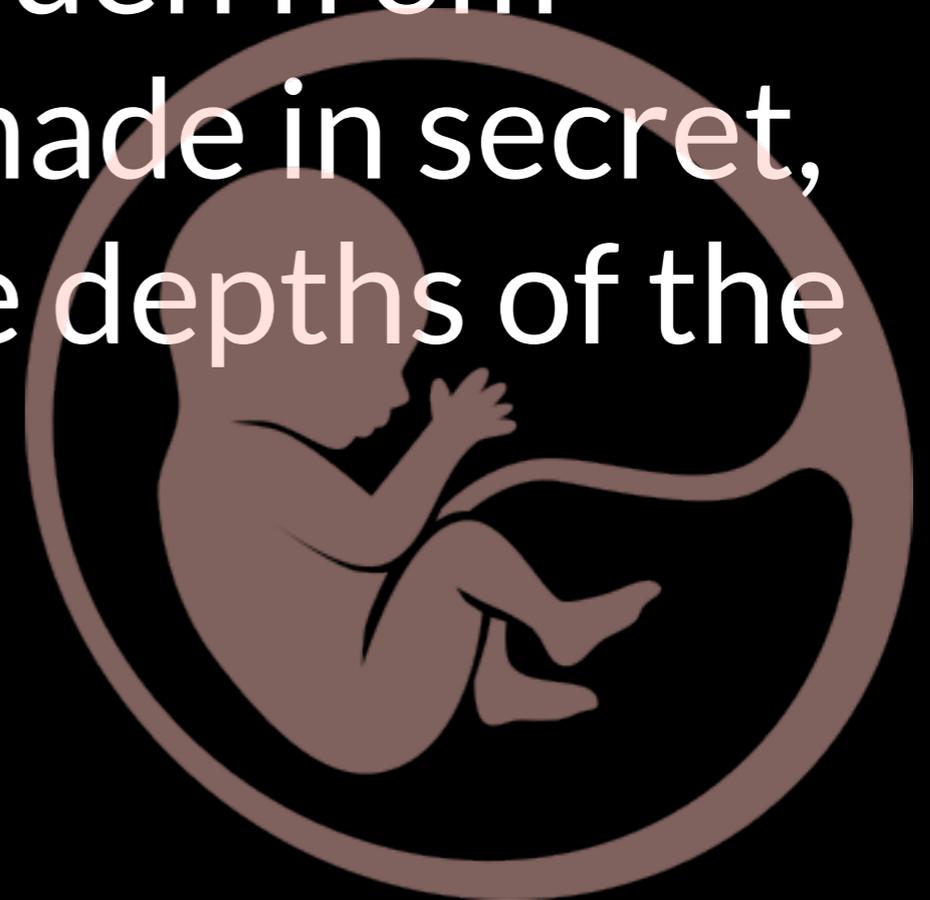


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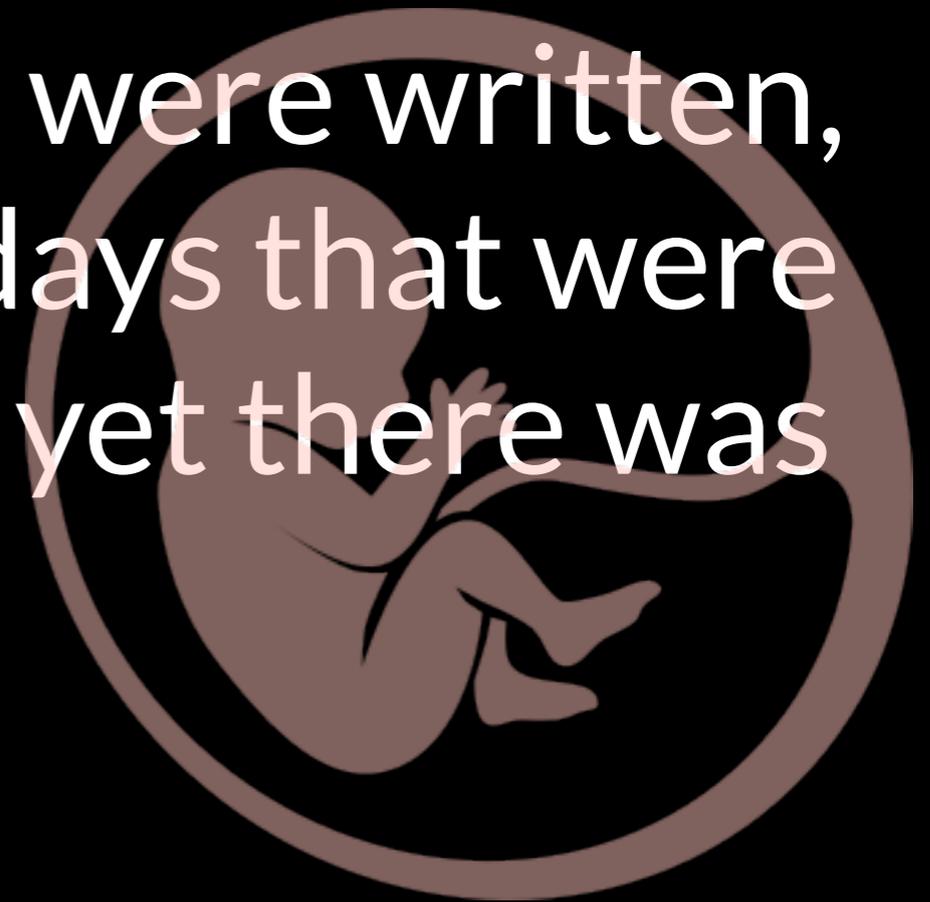


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The Gospel and Sanctity of Life

“In the end, I have to agree that life begins at conception. So yes, abortion is ending that life.

But perhaps the fact of life isn't what is important. It's whether that life has...[become] a person.”

-Miranda Sawyer



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This is called the
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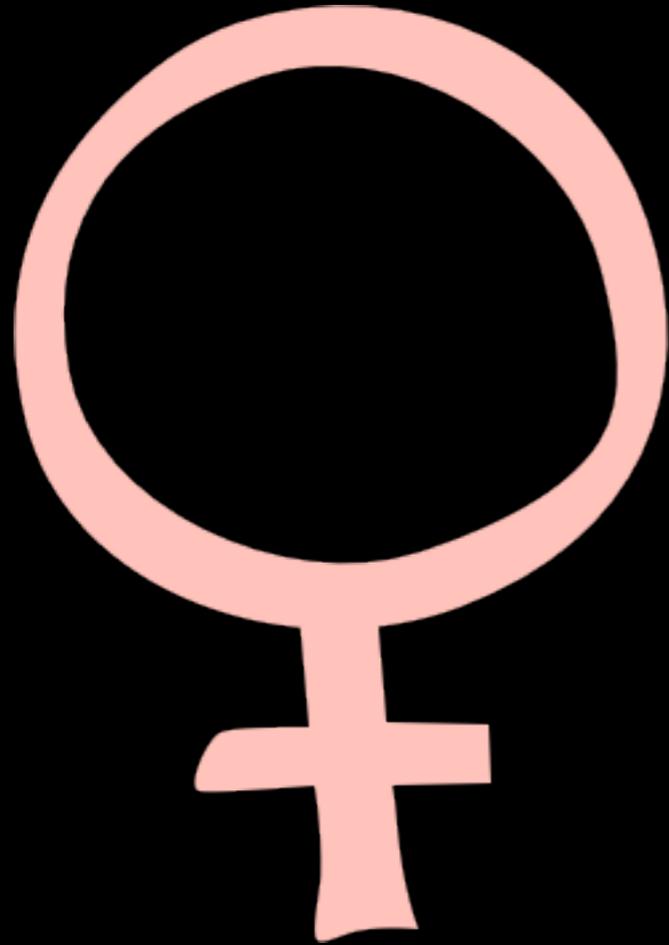
It asks, “*When does a human life become a person?*”

by implication we can rephrase:

What gives a human life its value?

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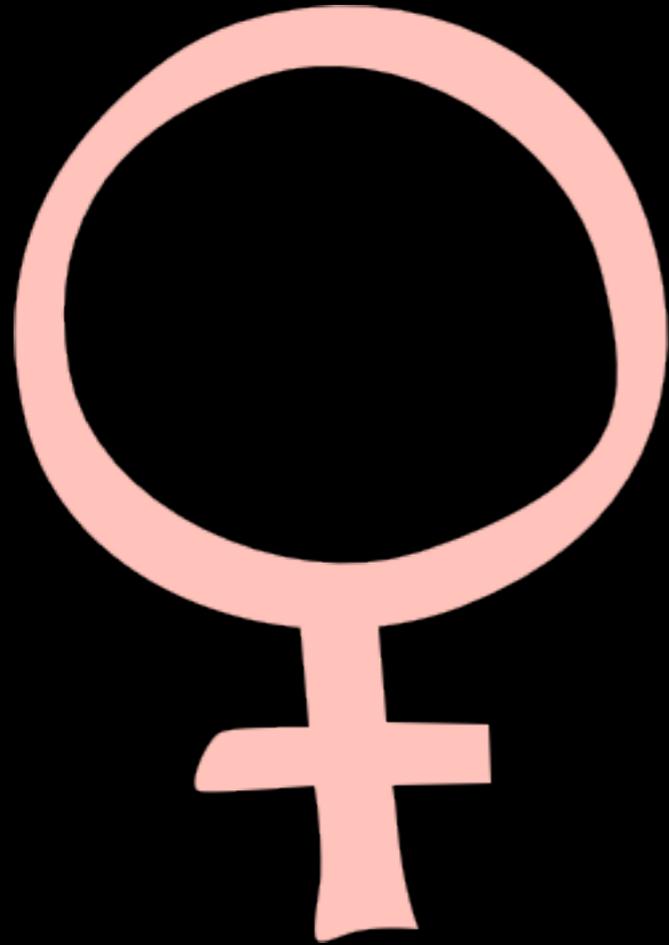
Does it come from comfort?

Does it come from a career?

Does it come from individually
achieved success?

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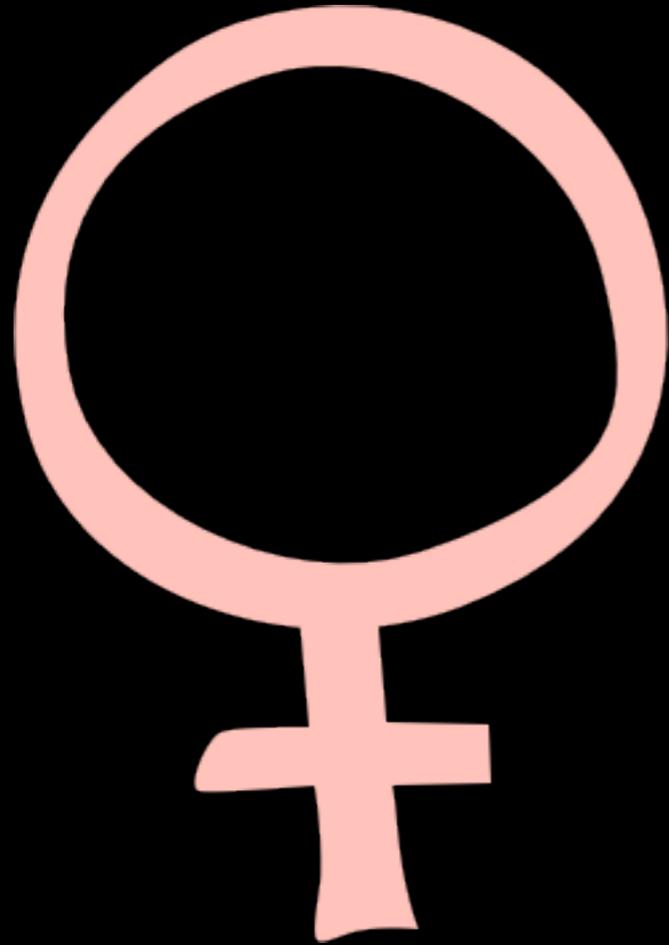
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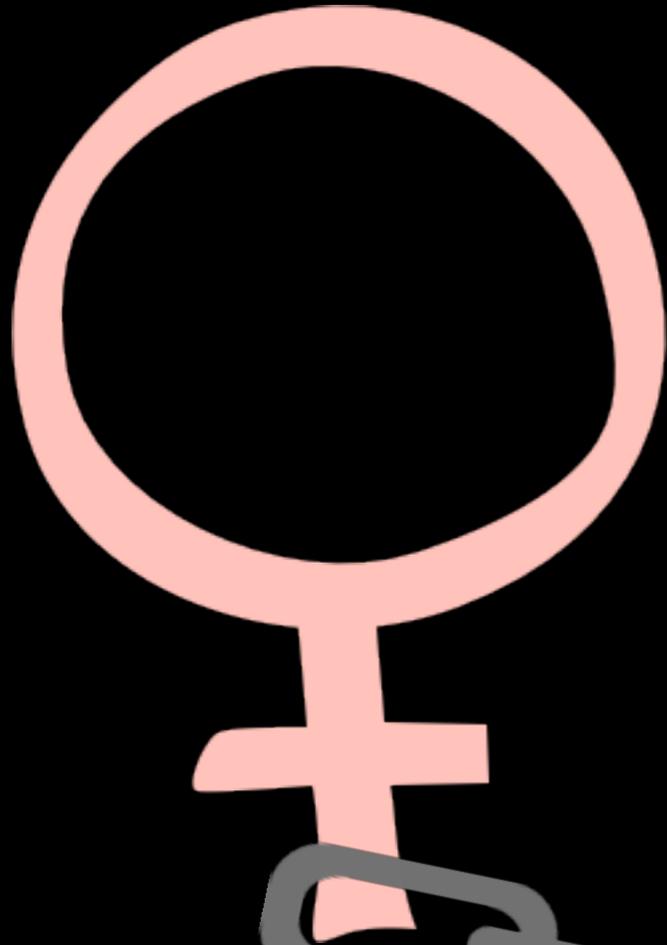
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“I have seen everything that is
done under the sun, and behold,
all is vanity and a striving after
wind.”

-Ecclesiastes 1:14

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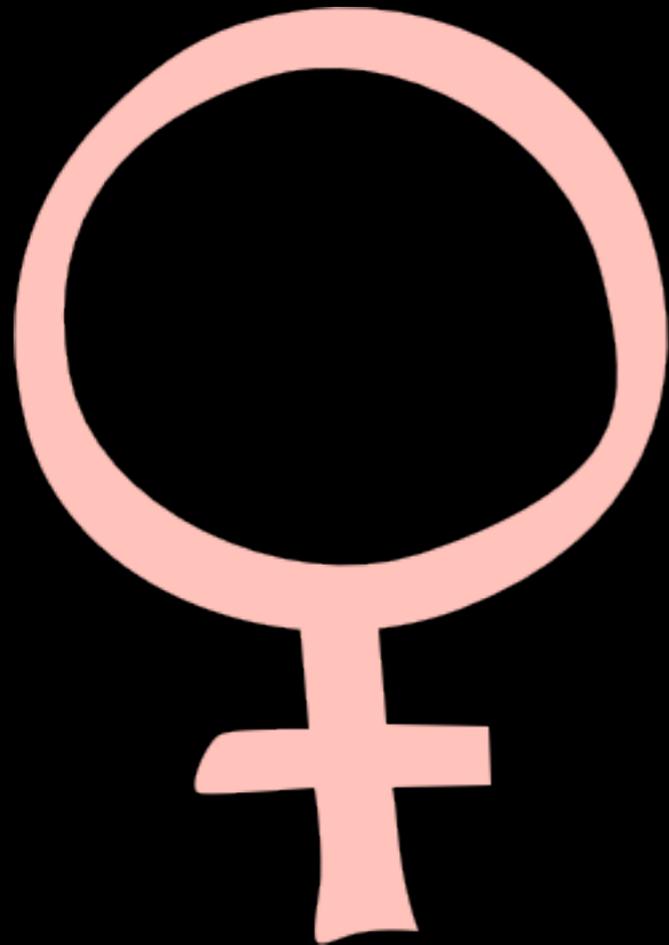


vanity
of vanities



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“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, **to set at liberty those who are oppressed**, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

-Lk 4:18–19

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The Gospel and Sanctity of Life



The Sanctity of life applies to the unborn baby **AND** the mother.

What can you do?

- **Compassion:** Understand the plight of the oppressed.
- **Take an active role *against* oppression.**

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*how do I speak **TRUTH** with grace?*

Live your faith.

Share your life.



2017 strategy: make outreach organic in the life of Cornerstone.

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