



But what if, like the Texas abortion clinic director who recently quit her job when she saw the ultrasound image of the baby she was helping to abort, we can no longer rationalize away what we've been doing all these years? What if the truth becomes so clear and so compelling that society simply can't go on being indifferent or complicit in the big lie? Well, that's when we have to do what is against our nature – we have to humble ourselves, admit our wrongs and change our ways.

And that, in fact, is what my country did because of the civil rights movement. America changed because Americans were touched in their hearts – hearts that the Bible tells us are inscribed with God's law. We can try to deny our consciences, indoctrinate or medicate our minds so that we can't or won't think, but a sense of right and wrong has been given to each and every one of us. It is that very moral awareness that changed America's culture on racism.

I believe it is that same moral awareness that can change *any* culture on abortion. It won't happen overnight. But it is already happening.

In our hearts, we know this. For too long, though, we have looked the other way. We have not wanted to get involved. We have convinced ourselves that people will never change when it comes to abortion. I'm here to tell you that this is not true. I have seen change, in myself, in others, and in my nation. What happened with slavery and racism is now happening with abortion. Those in power who can speak up for the persecuted must do so, we are our brothers' keeper and what happens to him, happens to us.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote from a jail cell, "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." Whether a child is aborted in Birmingham, Alabama or Birmingham, England, that abortion is an assault on what my Uncle Martin called the Beloved Community.

My Uncle Martin had a dream. He dreamt that we would live out that which is self-evident – that all men are created equal. He called on America to admit our wrongs and turn from them.

Today, I call on all of us, regardless of nationality, race or religion, to admit our wrongs and turn from them. I believe that the denial of the right to life is the greatest injustice we face in the world today. There is no compassion in killing. There is no justice in writing people out of the human race.

I only ask: How can such a dream live on - the dream of equality for all - if we kill our children? How can the dream live on if we deny others their basic human dignity and respect? How can the dream live on if we do not act on their behalf?"