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All Things are Possible!

The landmark Supreme Court case, Roe v. Wade, is in the news again. Currently, over 60 anti-abortion bills have been passed all across the United States. Abortion is a hot topic again.

One of the Bills passed in Mississippi bans abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy. The bill has been challenged all the way to the Supreme Court. The Court has agreed to hear the case which has a good chance of overturning Roe v. Wade.

In most people's minds, Roe v. Wade made abortion legal. While the 1973 ruling did not make abortion legal, it did prevent government restriction on abortion.

In Roe v. Wade, the Court ruled that constitutionally, a woman can choose to have an abortion without excessive government restriction. The Court cites the Fourteenth Amendment saying that it provides a right to privacy which protects a woman's right to choose. The Court went on to rule that there must be a balance between her right to choose and the government's interest in protecting her health and the life of her unborn baby.

The Court felt that balance could be achieved by utilizing the three trimesters in pregnancy. They stated that governments could not prohibit abortion during the first trimester, could prevent abortion during the second trimester under reasonable

health regulations, and could prohibit abortions entirely during the third trimester except in cases where the life of the mother was in jeopardy.

Fast forward to 1992 when a significant modification to Roe v. Wade was made. The case of Planned Parenthood v. Casey removed the trimester requirements and decided instead to use fetal viability as the determining factor for abortion. The definition of fetal viability has been debated ever since.



The hearing of the Mississippi case is huge for the pro-life movement! There is so much more known now about fetal development than there was in 1973. Prenatal ultrasound was not even widely used at the time.

So what does this mean for us? Last month, Oklahoma's Governor Stitt signed six anti-abortion Bills into law. They are:

HB1102—The performance of an abortion is considered "unprofessional conduct" except when the life of the mother is in jeopardy.

HB1904—Those performing abortions in Oklahoma must be board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology.

HB2441—Abortion is prohibited upon determination of a detectable heartbeat.

SB584—Prohibits providers who violate federal or state law

prohibiting trafficking in fetal body parts from receiving state funding.

SB960—Provides grants to organizations whose purpose is to reduce maternal and infant mortality, and prohibits funding to an organization that provides abortion services.

SB918—Immediately outlaws abortions in Oklahoma if the US Supreme Court overturns the 1973 Roe v. Wade case.

So if Roe v. Wade is overturned, **abortion will become illegal** in the State of Oklahoma.

This is the goal toward which we have been working. This is the answer for which we have been praying. This is the dream that seemed impossible six months ago. And now it is here.



The Supreme Court will begin hearing the case in October of this year, so we can hope for a ruling some time in early 2022. We must begin praying now for those on the Court. We must pray for those presenting the case. We must pray that Roe v. Wade will be overturned and millions of babies will be saved.

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Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be GLORY in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20