

A Christian ethical
framework

that recognizes
abortion as a moral
decision

and honors *all* the
reproductive paths
women travel

as they thoughtfully,
responsibly make
moral decisions
about their lives
and their families.



“The moral question
we face is how to
create a society where
women’s lives and
well-being, and the
well-being of their
families and
communities, are
public-health
priorities.”



—*Trust Women*, pg 186

TRUST WOMEN



An introduction to the
book *Trust Women*
by Rebecca Todd Peters

Why do 1/4 of women get abortions & why do 95% of those women not regret their abortions ?



What are the Christian roots of our culture's justification framework about abortion?
How does the binary (pro-life vs pro-choice) nature of the framework distort the conversation about abortion?



How should we think about the "prenate"? We need a new term to capture the unique status of the not-yet-born prenatate.

A new vision of parenting & pregnancy

“Child-bearing is a deliberative moral act rather than an accident of nature.”

—*Trust Women*, pg 172

Parenting is making a covenant commitment to a child. It is not a required or prescribed role for women. No one is morally obligated to become a parent or carry a pregnancy. These sacred roles must be chosen freely and may be freely declined.

In a just world:

Everyone will have the human right to decide whether and when to become (or try to become) a parent.

Parents will have the human right to raise children in safe, healthy, supportive environments.

No one will be forced or coerced to carry an unwanted pregnancy to term for any reason, including an inability to access or afford contraception or a safe abortion.

No one will be forced or coerced to end a wanted pregnancy for any reason, including economic constraints, lack of support or protected maternity leave, fear of domestic violence, social pressure, or social stigma.