

## News and Current Events :: My uncontrollable sobbing while watching 'Unplanned' scared my wife

**My uncontrollable sobbing while watching 'Unplanned' scared my wife - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2019/3/29 9:04**

This weekend, history will be made as the Unplanned movie will open in more than 1,100 theaters across the nation. And you can expect the backlash to be intense. And I mean very intense. The foundations of the pro-abortion movement, in particular, those of Planned Parenthood, will be challenged. Evil will be exposed and hope will be exalted.

By all means, make your plans to flood the theaters this weekend, not just for your own benefit, but to help send a message to the movie industry that this movie needs to be seen. That means it needs to be widely available.

If you're not familiar with the background to Unplanned, it tells the real-life story of former Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson, who is now a pro-life champion.

Earlier this week, on my radio show, I spoke with Ashley Bratcher, the Christian actor who plays Abby in the movie. She explained what it took for her to become Abby Johnson, and as you'll see, she did it with excellence.

I was able to watch an advance release of Unplanned in the privacy of my home, but I was caught off guard by one pivotal scene.

To be clear, I've been involved in the pro-life movement in varying degrees for many years. And I've often shared the horrifically-graphic, deeply-moving images of aborted babies.

Back in the early 1990s, the day before participating in an Operation Rescue event in Washington, DC, we had an all-day prayer meeting at my house.

During our prayer time, I passed around one of those graphic pictures of the mangled body of a late-term aborted baby. And as each person saw the picture, each began to weep. "What have we done?" cried out one of my friends.

You could say, then, that I was emotionally prepared for whatever was coming in Unplanned. Except I wasn't.

I had about 45-minutes free before going to teach a night class at our ministry school on a Tuesday night, so I told Nancy (we've been married for 43 years) that I was going to start watching the movie in my study while having my dinner salad.

You see, I thought the movie would proceed chronologically with Abby's life and so, it would be a while before any disturbing images might appear. That meant I could sit at my desk, have dinner, and watch the first part of the movie.

Without giving anything away, let's just say that an important scene in the movie occurred earlier than I expected. (For those concerned about bringing children to Unplanned, first, there are far more graphic images of aborted babies found online than anything seen in the movie. Second, if your kids are old enough to have an intelligent discussion with you about abortion, they are old enough to see the movie.)

As the scene unfolded of it is something witnessed at Planned Parenthood clinics every day of the week and it was scientifically fair and honest of I was completely overcome, sobbing uncontrollably. Yet there was nothing manipulative or contrived about the scene in the least. Just the simple reality of an abortion. And I lost it.

For the next 15 minutes I tried to compose myself, shutting the movie off and distracting my mind (after first pouring my heart out to the Lord in prayer). Then, when I thought I was ready, I went to talk to Nancy, who hadn't heard me tell her I was about to watch Unplanned.

I managed to get out the words, "I have to compose myself," before completely losing it, sobbing and unable to speak.

As you can imagine, this totally scared Nancy, who thought someone close to us had just died. (What would you think if your spouse came walking into your room and was sobbing so intensely he or she couldn't talk?)

When I finally did speak, I barely got out the words, "That movie," before explaining the rest.

Then, a few minutes later, when I shared with my students about recent, aggressive, pro-abortion developments, one of the students asked if we could stop and pray.

We did, and the class never happened, as we spent the better part of the next 2 ½ hours in prayer, often weeping and wailing for the lives of the unborn.

Honestly, I am amazed that Pure Flix was able to get Unplanned into so many theaters, knowing how hotly opposed this movie will be.

In fact, I have learned that the number rose from 900 to 1,100 theaters (at last report) due to popular, advance demand. I also heard that one theater canceled the showing but had to reinstate it after a local outcry.

Not everyone will be affected the way I was. But I'm confident that all who see this movie with an open heart and mind will be positively and deeply impacted for the cause of life.

Make your plans to be there this weekend. Perhaps this will be a turning point in the history of the modern, pro-life movement.

It's way, way past time.

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**Re: My uncontrollable sobbing while watching 'Unplanned' scared my wife - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2019/3/29 10:23**

I pray this movie wakes up the church!

I remember sitting in my dorm room the first time I read the "Last Days Ministry" tracks on Abortion in 1988, I wept. That was 30 years ago.

But worse was when I told others about this at the "Christian" liberal arts school I was attending I was shocked at the indifference towards abortion, especially from professors.

America needs to repent. The church needs to repent.

**Re: - posted by dfella (), on: 2019/3/29 17:18**

If simply listening to this description of an abortion from a Doctor who used to perform abortions, over 1200 in total, does not bring anyone to tears and utter anguish needs a new heart.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A16gzm9eaa8>

**Re: - posted by dougr777 (), on: 2019/3/31 0:02**

I'm surprised with 700+ hits on this thread there are not more comments and discussion about this movie and issue.

I went tonight and took some of my children to watch it, I'm glad I did.

Excellent movie, well done, and difficult to watch at times. Go see it if you can.

What I took away was how people believe they are actually serving God by supporting and promoting abortion under the umbrella of caring and loving women in a "crisis".

**Re: - posted by MrBillPro (), on: 2019/3/31 8:44**

Quote:  
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Doug, please don't let the amount of views vs replies seen on this thread or any thread, become your judgment of folks hearts. I for one, hardly ever respond to any of the threads anymore, I'm mostly just a reader now days. I got hooked into to many threads that left me grieving in my spirit. It's unbelievable how much more I can learn, and the peace I can retain in my spirit, by just reading. Doug, what is there really to discuss or comment on, that Christians haven't been saying for decades? Prayer is more important than the amount of comments anytime, just my opinion.