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3. How was God involved in our creation? (v. 13)
4. Write a paraphrase of v. 14.
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8. **Read Psalm 51:5.** How does this verse support the idea that personhood begins at conception?
9. **Read Exod 20:13.** How does the 6th Commandment relate to the issue of abortion?
10. **Read Prov 31:8-9.** How does this apply to the issue of life – whether the unborn, the disabled or the aged?



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