

Who Will Speak for Brittany Maynard's Life?

The hype is everywhere. A multitude of news stories, a segment on *60 Minutes* and a multi-page spread in *People* magazine are all celebrating Brittany Maynard's decision to kill herself on Nov. 1. But who is telling her the truth?

Yes, Brittany has a very touching, yet tragic, tale to tell about her terminal brain cancer, but she has an opportunity to witness to a faith in God and a submission to His will for her life. This acceptance could be a shining example to her generation that life is precious and we all need to use every moment we have to give love and encouragement to others in similar situations. Instead, she is delivering one message: When the going gets tough, give up.

Brittany has now been victimized twice—first by the cancer, and now by those in society who will have facilitated her death and even pressed for it by various methods and self-interests, those who mistakenly proclaim that a human being is in complete control of his own life when it is well known that the Bible confirms that man is created in the image of God. Therefore, an attack on an innocent human being with the intention of ending that person's life—even by the person herself—is a direct attack on God Himself.

This is the truth that Brittany needs to hear. We pray that, in these final days, Brittany finds Christ, reaches out for His caring hand and learns the joy that comes from giving one's life completely to the Creator and accepting whatever happens with a true resignation to His will. And from that new knowledge may Brittany proclaim: I will not go quietly into the night! I will not vanish without a fight! I'm going to live on! I'm going to survive! I will live every minute of every day until God calls me home!

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