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With God All Things Are Possible

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Even though my prayers were very much directed at the horrors happening inside of Planned Parenthood Smithtown, it was what was happening on the outside that caught my attention. The scene played out innocently enough that an unaware bystander would pay little mind to two construction workers on the front lawn and a truck pulling into the building's driveway.

This seemingly harmless sight, however, was anything but that. The men "just doing their jobs" were contributing, no matter how far removed, to the evil inside of Planned Parenthood's walls. The construction workers ensured the building's longevity and safety, and the medical waste truck driver ensured the removal and disposal of aborted baby body parts.

It struck me at how easy it is to be complicit in sin, how dangerous indifference is and how silence allows such evils to persist. This awareness, I realized, can be implemented in situations throughout our daily lives, not just when we see it in plain sight in front of an abortion facility.

How often have we, most especially me, been the construction workers in our own day to day happenings? Perhaps we've maintained the status quo just to not "rock the boat." Do we slouch down in our driver's seat and hope to avoid any confrontations or uncomfortable situations when dealing with non-believers or extremists? How often do we speak up when other Catholics share that they will be voting for a pro-abortion candidate come this November? Do we avoid conversations about abortion, contraception and abstinence with certain friends, family members, colleagues, etc. to just "keep the peace" and remain on good terms? Or do we consume media that actively goes against our beliefs and what we know to be True? Even if the movie, show or song isn't directly promoting wrongdoing, whose pockets are we filling? The pockets of the many Hollywood actors and artists who donate to the very facilities we pray in front of?

Perhaps it is not so surprising then to see how far the world has fallen when we think back to the times in which we did not do or say enough. But, **with God, all things are possible.** And if we continue to push on, show up and pray- maybe that truck driver will hand in his keys, Planned Parenthood will lose theirs and hearts will be unlocked to what is Good, True and Holy.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
- Edmund Burke