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I write to you as one who takes seriously both the dignity of human life and the truth revealed in the Word of God. As the Northern Territory considers whether to legalise Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD), I urge you to weigh this matter not merely in terms of political expediency or public sentiment, but in the light of God’s eternal truth.

The foundational reality is this: there is a God, and we are not Him. He is the triune Creator and Lawgiver who has spoken an inerrant and infallible Word. Our days are in His hand—He determines the day of our birth and the day of our death (Job 14:5; Psalm 139:16). We are accountable to Him for how we live, and for how we treat the lives of others.

God’s command is unambiguous: “Thou shalt not kill” (Exodus 20:13). To take innocent life, whether our own or another’s, is to usurp a role that belongs to God alone. As Ecclesiastes reminds us, “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil” (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

The end of the Bible speaks with urgency about the unchangeable nature of God’s Word and the eternal consequences of our choices. In Revelation 22:10-16, the Lord Jesus Christ declares Himself “the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last”, warning of judgment and offering the invitation to eternal life. We are called to choose whom we will serve (Joshua 24:15), and to examine ourselves in the light of the faith (2 Corinthians 13:5).

Legalising VAD would be to enshrine in law a principle directly contrary to God’s command, one that redefines compassion by severing it from truth. While the world often speaks of autonomy and relief from suffering, Scripture reminds us that true compassion is found in walking alongside the suffering with love, care, and hope—not in hastening death.

I urge you, if given a conscience vote, to stand against VAD legislation. Uphold the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. Use your position to protect the vulnerable, affirm the image of God in every person, and resist the temptation to bow to the shifting winds of cultural opinion.

One day, each of us will give an account before the Judge of all the earth (Hebrews 9:27). My prayer is that you will be able to stand in that day having done what is right in His sight.

Yours sincerely,
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