

## Christian Voices for Life Weekly Pro-Life Education Prayer Action

This week's Topic: Post-Abortion Story # 2

**Education:** "Nancy" was pregnant from a date rape. She had tried to hide it from her parents but they found out. Then the pressure started. "How are you going to go to college with a baby?" "How are you going to support it?" "It is only a blob of blood. It's not a baby yet." Before she had time to think about what <u>she</u> wanted, the abortion was over.

In her words, "I became a tramp and slept with anyone and everyone. Each month when I wasn't pregnant I would go into a deep depression. I was driven with a need to have a child." She dropped out of college, and two years after the abortion, she married. Five months later her first child was born. She was in heaven. She doted on the baby. But eight months later she miscarried a baby at 6 months. The doctor felt that she had a weak cervix, a common aftereffect of abortion, and that the weight of the baby was too much for it and she just fell out. She thought: "I deserve this pain. I killed a baby and now God has taken one from me. I deserve it." Three more miscarriages followed, along with the birth of three more children.

"The hardest thing of all is trying to forgive myself. It is a daily struggle to accept the forgiveness I know the Lord has given me.... I have also had to forgive my parents. ... I dread the day when I have to come face to face with my little child and explain to her why mamma took her life. But I also think I am a softer, more caring person than I might have been. If not for the abortion, I might have turned out "pro-choice."

(Taken from a true testimony, "Before I Had Time to Think" found at www.afterabortion.org)



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please help all women who are considering abortion to get good information about abortion and the help that is available to them. Help them to avoid the terrible mistake of abortion and its painful consequences. Help all Christians to be ready to help women find the help that will empower mothers to choose life for their children. Help us to always treat post-abortive women with compassion, and help each of them to find healing and forgiveness in your loving arms, with the help of healing ministries.



**Action:** Be aware of Option Line (800-712-HELP, <u>www.optionline.org</u>), a 24/7 hotline with phone counselors ready to talk to anyone concerned with a crisis pregnancy, as well as direct them to the nearest pregnancy center. Carry business cards with the Option Line phone number, and share with ob/gyns, high school staff, parents groups, anyone who might come in contact with someone in a crisis pregnancy. Option Line business cards can be obtained from Christian Voices for Life.

A national directory of abortion recovery ministries is available at www.abortionrecovery.org.