



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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If Only Someone Had Told Her...



Education: “Terri” was 19, living with a co-worker, when she became pregnant after a date rape.(1) The doctor she went to said he did not do abortions, but had no other information to offer her. She told her mother and step-father about the pregnancy, but they just said she was an adult and the decision was up to her. Her mother brought her to the abortion clinic and paid for the procedure, going out for coffee with other mothers of clinic patients while they waited. She told Terri to forget about it and go

on with her life.

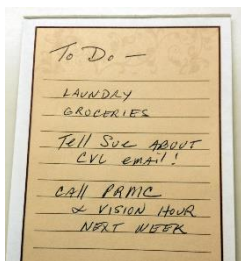
Terri later married, but was afraid to tell her husband about the abortion. When she gave birth to their daughter, she did not feel the strong love for her that a mother normally would. Terri thinks it was because of her unexpressed grief over her aborted child, and the fear that God would punish her by taking away this child. After ten years of marriage, the pain of her abortion became unbearable, and she finally told her husband about her abortion. She was so relieved that he did not condemn her, but gave her support and compassion. She contacted Project Rachel, and with counseling, Bible Study, and a monthly support group, she found healing and peace. (1)

If just one person had told Terri about the help that was available from a pregnancy center nearby, she would have learned about abortion and its consequences. She would have learned about the support that was available to her, and maybe she would have chosen life. If she had learned sooner that post-abortion healing ministries were available, perhaps her pain would have been eased much sooner.

1. Taken from a true testimony at <http://afterabortion.org/1994/fear-and-forgiveness-testimony/>



Prayer: Dear Father God, please help all women who are considering abortion to get good information about abortion and the help that is available with alternative solutions to the problems they face. Help all Christians to be ready to help women find the pregnancy centers and other sources of support that will empower mothers to choose life for their children. Help the existence of post-abortive healing ministries to be well known, so that women suffering after abortion can find forgiveness and healing in your loving arms.



Action: Be aware of Option Line (800-712-HELP, www.optionline.org), a 24/7 hotline with phone counselors ready to talk to (or chat online with) 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 (available from CVL), and share with ob/gyns, high school staff, parents groups, etc. Phone counseling and referrals to post-abortion ministries can be found at www.internationalhelpline.org. www.RachelsVineyard.org is a source for weekend retreats and email conversation.