



Christian Voices for Life Wednesday Word

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Stolen Fatherhood - Decades Later

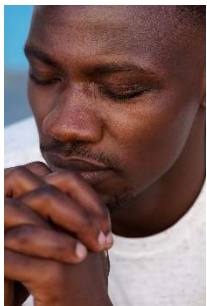


Education: While many men unfortunately pressure their partner to have an abortion, some men do want the baby but feel powerless to stop her from aborting. In one of [Live Action's Face to Face videos](#), two men who objected to the abortion and two women who had an abortion in spite of their partner's objections, shared their stories.

Both women had offers of support, one from her boyfriend's parents, and the other from a new boyfriend. But both women had accepted the world's view of "My body, my choice." No amount of support can completely erase the consequences of an unplanned pregnancy outside of marriage. Years later, both women viewed a video of what happened in their 2nd trimester abortion. Whether they believed that the baby was "just a blob of tissue", or just didn't think about what was happening, they were devastated to see that their baby had been pulled apart into pieces. They also realized that they had stolen fatherhood from their partners.

One of the men had pleaded with his partner, offering to raise the baby by himself, or cooperate in an adoption plan, but her mind was made up. The other man had been in college, and while his mom and dad were willing to adopt the baby, the mother's mom was adamant that the abortion would happen. He felt powerless. He failed college, went through a drug addiction and only after getting into a treatment program received counseling that helped him realize that it was the loss of his child that was leading him to fill the void with destructive behavior. He wished that he had focused more on how he would help her rather than just not wanting the abortion to happen. He also believed that many men accepted that they were powerless and used that as an excuse while they failed to take responsibility to protect and provide for their child.

All members of the group had found healing and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. They all felt that it was important for men to share their feelings after abortion, whether they supported it or objected to it. They want the world to know that the father not only has a right to a voice in the decision, but has a responsibility to his child.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women who are ignorant of fetal development and have only heard the world's view that abortion is a woman's right. Help them and all post-abortive women to accept your love, forgiveness and healing. Help them to be receptive to your call. If you choose them to help others by telling their stories. Help the fathers who are trying to help their partners choose life be strong in expressing their love and willingness to fulfill their own responsibility for their child. Please help the word to be widely spread and accepted that every child has a right to life, and every aborted child has two parents who both have responsibility for the child and will both be strongly affected by their loss.



Action: When abortion comes up in a discussion, share the fact that men are also affected by the abortion, whether they feel remorse for cooperating or pressuring their partner to abort, or objected to it. Share [the videos](#) showing what actually happens in abortion, and fight for schools to require education on fetal development. Life Action has a beautiful video, [Baby Olivia](#), about the beginning of life and its development in the womb. Some states have required schools to include fetal development in their curriculum.