



Rape: Victims Talk to Children Conceived



Education: Surveys have shown that 70-80% of women who became pregnant from rape have their babies. (1,2) They either released their babies for adoption or raised them themselves. Three adults who were conceived in rape told their very different stories on [one of Live Actions "Face to Face"](#) videos. A man had known he was adopted. He was raised in a good Christian family but still felt unloved by his mother and wondered why she didn't want him. He later learned that his birth mother had been mentally impaired and

only 11 yrs. old when raped, but resisted much pressure to abort. She became his hero.

One of the victims had been raped after a party when 18 yrs. old. Her sisters advised abortion. She did not choose abortion because the child would remind her of the rape, but because she was afraid that she couldn't move on with her life in a healthy way. But just the opposite happened: she felt pain and shame from the abortion. She later married, and 2 years later had an incredible experience with Jesus at a weekend retreat. She explained that first God forgives you and then you forgive yourself and everyone involved.

The video ended with a woman who had been brutally raped at 12 years old. Everyone told her that her life was ruined, that no one would want to marry her. But she knew the abortion would not take away the rape or the nightmares. Although she felt partially blamed for the rape for putting herself in that position, neither she nor her baby had done anything wrong. She courageously resisted the pressure to abort. She had needed support, compassion, and legal advice, not judgment or abortion. Having her baby gave her hope and her daughter was the greatest gift of her life.

1. [Women Who Became Pregnant Through Sexual Assault Say, "Ask Us" • AfterAbortion.org](#)

2. Makhorn. "Sexual Assault and Pregnancy" in *New Perspectives on Human Abortion*. 1981



Prayer: Dear Lord, thank you for helping me to understand that abortion is not only always wrong, but not helpful for women who have been raped. Help this understanding to be accepted by everyone who sees rape as an exception to the pro-life stance. Please give support and comfort to women who have been raped and help them to resist the pressure they may have to abort. Help them make a good decision between raising their child and making an adoption plan.



Action: Pray for healing and peace for women who have been raped, and if they become pregnant, that they may have the courage to have their baby in spite of the pressure they may be under to abort. Pray that those do abort find forgiveness and healing from the Lord. Be ready to explain to friends and family that a child of rape is an innocent child with the same right to life as others in the womb, and that victims of rape

who abort come to feel guilt and shame. They need healing from the abortion more than for the rape. About 80% report that abortion was the wrong choice for them. None of the rape victims who have been interviewed after having their baby regretted doing so. (reference 1, above)