



Christian Voices for Life *Wednesday Word*

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Face-to-Face: Pressured / Gave In to Pressure to Abort



Education: "I would have told people that it was a mutual decision, but it was really all me..." "The pain that I caused my wife is a sorrow that I am going to carry with me for the rest of my life." The three men in [the video](#) took responsibility for pressuring their girlfriend or wife to abort. All the men had been focused on achieving their goals, such as medical school or being 'established' before having children. They were glad for the opportunity to find healing and forgiveness, even if it only came through another healing program in response to alcoholism or another crisis.

The women expressed the pressure they were under, feeling like they had no choice. One woman had been happy to be pregnant but both her father and her husband insisted she needed to finish school. After that abortion and participating as a nurse for a second trimester abortion, she was very angry with her husband, which led to the end of their marriage. She married again, and was again happy to be pregnant. However, as a recovering alcoholic, her husband said he couldn't handle a baby, and it would be her fault if she had the baby and he went back to drinking. She resisted for 2 weeks but finally gave in. When she came out after the abortion, she was extremely angry with her husband. "If I had had a gun, I would have killed him." She didn't speak to him for months. But she later recognized her own responsibility for going along with it instead of refusing. All the women also expressed the value of the healing Bible studies which helped them to find forgiveness from Jesus, and to be able to forgive themselves. The women also appreciated hearing from the men and how they had also come to regret the decision, and apologized to their partners.



Prayer: Dear Father God, please have mercy on women and girls who are experiencing a crisis pregnancy, especially those who are being pressured to abort. Help them to trust in You and to find the support they need to cope with the pregnancy and resist the coercion. Help every woman – and man - suffering with remorse and shame after abortion to find a healing program that will bring them to the realization that You have forgiven them, and still love and value them. Help those who were coerced to eventually be able to forgive those who coerced them as well as themselves.



Action: Share with others that 67% of women who aborted felt pressured by others. Coerced abortions are real but in some cases may be able to be prevented. Letters are available addressed to parents, fathers, school counselors, and police. A fax is also avail, for a woman experiencing pressure to abort, to send to abortion clinics where she might be brought. While coerced abortions are already illegal in all 50 states, additional legislation could require abortion facilities to post clients' rights or take other steps to help prevent forced abortions.