Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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An Unplanned Pregnancy

Education: Women choose abortion because pregnancy was not in their plans. They are a teen who wants to stay on the volleyball team and go to college; they are in college and want to continue their studies; they are just starting on a career and want to keep working; they already have 3 kids and can't afford or don't want any more. Having a baby can be life-changing, and sometimes women are willing to sacrifice the life of their child in order to prevent a big change from occurring in their own lives and families. Unfortunately, our culture so presents the nature of sexual activity as normal and expected that the concept of refraining from engaging in the activity which produces babies when one is not ready for a baby is a foreign concept. Contraception is supposed to prevent that unwanted outcome.

A young woman was engaged to be married. When she was found to be pregnant, the culture of the time and place allowed her betrothed to have her executed. Out of compassion for her, he rather decided to quietly end the relationship. Mary had not planned to become pregnant with Jesus, and in her unmarried state, the pregnancy certainly presented potential dangers. But she accepted God's plan for her, and after Joseph heard in a dream that he should accept Mary into his care, gave birth to our Lord and Savior.

God loves us all with an incredible love – a love that sent his own Son to suffer and die on our behalf. Everything He does for us is done out of love – and therefore it is the best possible thing that can happen to us. It may not seem that way to us, but He sees the big, eternal picture, not just our immediate comfort level. He knows all the circumstances and he chooses to create life because he knows that that son or daughter will be a gift and a blessing.

Prayer: Dear Father God, please touch the hearts of all families who are blessed with an unplanned pregnancy. Help them to trust in You – in Your love and Your plan for their family. Help them to trust that You will provide for their child and for their own needs as well. Thank you for your plans for all of us, which are far superior to our own plans. Help us to always be ready to yield to your will rather than our own, to trust in You to lead us to eternal happiness, even if it means temporary discomfort.

Action: If a friend of yours has an unplanned pregnancy in the family, help them to accept that precious child as a surprise gift from God. If needed, refer them to the nearest pregnancy help center for support, or to the Option Line at **800-712-HELP** for someone to talk to 24/7 (or chat online at www.optionline.org). Option line will also refer callers to local pregnancy centers for continuing help.