Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

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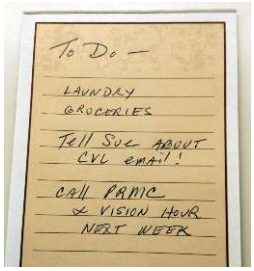
I Can't Tell My Parents! What Can I Do?!

Education: I feel like such an idiot.* I usually stay clear of frat parties, but after breaking up with Steve last month I just wanted to have some fun. That punch must have really been spiked. I woke up in some guy's room and he said he brought me there so no one would bother me when I passed out, but now the drug store test says I am pregnant! I can't even remember the guy's name! How bad is that?! My parents would think I am totally terrible, and they are so stressed with taking care of grandma….I can't do this to them. I never liked the idea of abortion, but what can I do? I only have one more year to graduation and the job I have been dreaming about! Shelley told me that Patty had an abortion last year and she is doing fine; women have a right to control their bodies.

Last night online I saw an ad for the Option Line. (https://OptionLine.org, 800-712-HELP). It was late but the ad said they are available 24/7 so I clicked and then called. The lady I talked to sounded really nice. She didn't make me feel ashamed or stupid. She said abortion had physical risks, but she seemed mostly concerned about how lots of women later come to really regret their abortions. Even if I have no idea now how I might work things out, she helped me see that maybe I shouldn't rush into something without really looking at the alternatives, and there were people who would help me to get through this. She told me about a pregnancy help center nearby where I can go to talk to someone in person, and get information about local resources. I think I will go to that center tomorrow and really think about what I should do. It was so good to talk to someone who really seemed to care about me!

* fictional but very possible story.

Prayer: Dear Father God, please bless the pregnancy centers around the nation and the world who are working to help women with the choice for life. Bless the Option Line staff and help them to have the loving words that will best help their callers. Help all women who need information and encouragement to choose life for their child to connect to the Option Line or a pregnancy center to be able to receive that help. Thank you, Lord, for all the volunteers and dedicated staff members that show your love and care to the women in need of help with a crisis pregnancy.



Action: Advertising costs money, and many women do not know about the help that is available at local pregnancy centers. Let your friends and neighbors know that if they ever know of anyone with a problem pregnancy, that the Option Line (https://OptionLine.org, 800-712-HELP) is a national hotline that can direct callers to the nearest pregnancy center. See https://vimeo.com/431929070 for a short video with a great story about a recent client. Consider supporting your local center or Option Line.