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...even when Shannon didn't want to hear it.

Maurice* threw another rock at the icy lake—hoping it would break through this time. No matter how big the rock was, or how far he threw, all he managed to do was scratch the surface.

In a lot of ways, his progress here felt about the same as back at home.

He'd tried to talk Shannon* out of an abortion for days with no success. He told her he knew this baby was his responsibility, and he wanted to be a good dad by providing for them both. But, the more he tried, the more it seemed her heart was as hardened as this lake.

He knew Shannon was scared. He was scared, too. **She was already in her second trimester, and he knew things could go badly if she decided to abort now.** Her shutting him out and biting back was just her way of trying to protect herself . . . but it didn't make things any easier.

You Helped Maurice Find a Reason to Persevere

Sitting down on the shore, Maurice took out his phone and started browsing for information about abortion when he came across a phone number for *Pregnancy Decision Line*—a hotline funded entirely by the generosity of you and other pro-life champions.

The ad said the hotline was a good place to find accurate information about abortion and alternatives. Maybe, he thought, it would be a good place to get answers for some of his questions and ideas for how to help him talk to Shannon about other options.

The friendly hotline coach told him a pregnancy center nearby offered baby clothes, diapers, and formula if they decided to keep their baby. She also told him they'd partnered with a local church in their community to help meet some of their other needs.

Turning away from the lake, Maurice headed home. He still worried she might react badly to another talk, but now he had something he didn't before—hope and real places for them to find help to choose life.

Even though *Roe v. Wade* has been overturned,

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Helping Men Be “Josephs” Instead of “Herods”

Earlier this year, Care Net released a national study on men and abortion. We asked 1,000 men who had participated in at least one abortion in their past to share about their experience, how they felt about it, and how different parts of our culture—such as churches—affected their decision.

The results made one thing clear: men play a significant role in the choices women make about their pregnancies. As a Pro Abundant Life movement, it's up to us to help men make a positive impact on pregnancy decisions, not a negative one.

As I reviewed men's responses about why they advocated for abortion, I couldn't help but think of the birth of Christ that we're about to celebrate . . . and of two men who played such dramatically different roles in His story—Joseph and Herod.

You see, when Mary became pregnant with Jesus, Joseph had a decision to make. Was he going to “put her away quietly” or be a husband to Mary and an earthly father to Jesus? By God's grace, he listened to God and chose the latter, whatever it meant for his reputation and future.

Meanwhile, Herod (who called himself Herod the Great) thought greatness was living for one's own glory. So, when he heard a “king” was born who could threaten his power, he tried to kill him.

When faced with a “life decision,” these two men chose very differently. Joseph chose to sacrifice himself for his child, while Herod chose to sacrifice the child for himself. Because of Joseph's sacrifice, Mary's unplanned pregnancy (from a human perspective) wasn't a crisis pregnancy and she was well supported when she chose life. But sadly, too many men today choose as Herod did.

But if Christmas teaches us anything, it's that there's always hope in Christ! Pregnancy centers, churches, and Christ's people can always step in with love and compassion for both women and men that empowers them to choose life for their unborn children, abundant life for their families, and eternal life in Christ.

That's the work you make possible with your support of Care Net, and by being a light for Christ and life in your local community! Merry Christmas!



Blessings,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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You Helped Maurice Speak Life

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women and men are still finding out they have unexpected—or unexpectedly complicated—pregnancies, and, despite law changes, many are still seeking abortion.

Through your support of Care Net, parents considering abortion find they have options that don't end in death or regret. They have access to our national hotline to discuss their fears and concerns. They can connect to the help available through local pregnancy centers and, through the local churches we partner with, a body of believers happy to come alongside and make them disciples for life.

Please pray for young men like Maurice to be empowered to be advocates for life, just like Joseph when he took on the responsibility as Mary's husband. And pray for moms like Shannon to have their hearts filled with hope and courage, like Mary when she faced a pregnancy she didn't expect and brought our Savior into the world.

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You Met Peyton's Need ...and helped her choose life!

Another child! A feeling of fear overwhelmed Peyton's* heart. She was pregnant with their third child. How could she financially and emotionally take care of another child?

Peyton and her husband already lived paycheck to paycheck. Caring for two children was challenging enough. Now with a third on the way, they had no idea how they were going to make it work. A feeling of hopelessness washed over her. Anxiety set in.

With many questions and fears, Peyton searched online for some answers and came across *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline. She called the number and was greeted warmly by one of the hotline coaches. Peyton poured out her feelings to the coach, and she could tell Peyton was feeling afraid and hopeless about her pregnancy.

During the conversation, the coach explained to Peyton that God had already supplied all their needs. The coach told Peyton about the local pregnancy center in her town and offered to help make her an appointment. She explained that the pregnancy center could help meet the material needs for her and her baby that felt so overwhelming to Peyton. As the two talked more, Peyton's heart began to fill with hope again. She knew that, just

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You can connect a parent with an unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancy with the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose LIFE for the unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their family!

Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



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as God took care of Mary and Joseph when they were faced with Mary's unexpected pregnancy with Jesus, He also was going to completely take care of Peyton and her family as well.

The hope of Christ is abundant! He provides for people like Peyton through His people, like you. Your generosity gives hope to so many couples and families just like Peyton's through the compassion, help, and hope they find in our national hotline, our network of 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our growing network of life-affirming partner churches equipped by our curriculum. You are sharing the ultimate Gift—Jesus Christ—with these families! Thank you!

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