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## Do You Remember Skylar?

God's Still Writing an Incredible Story of Grace that You Helped Make Possible!



*Reconciliation.* What is it exactly? Let's look through the lens of our Heavenly Father. God reconciled the world to Himself, canceling our debt by sending His Son Jesus to the cross to die and take the penalty for sin in our place. All who call upon the name of Jesus are forgiven and brought back into a loving personal relationship with God. This is reconciliation, and Skylar and her husband are now experiencing a similar restoration in their marriage.

Do you remember Skylar\*? We shared her story last year. She had discovered she was pregnant . . . and that her husband had been unfaithful. On top of that, her husband had also made some bad decisions at work that risked his job. Anger and betrayal led her to seek an abortion.

**Desperately needing someone to talk to, Skylar searched online and found Care Net's national hotline—*Pregnancy Decision Line*.** The coach listened, talked over the

situation with Skylar, prayed with her, and trusted in God.

### You Helped Save a Life That Day

When the PDL coach talked to Skylar a few days later, God was at work and things had already started shifting. In that time Skylar's heart changed . . . **and she chose life for her baby!** Her husband also found out that he would keep his job. In the midst of all that, Skylar and her husband were beginning to heal and rebuild trust within their marriage.

You see, *Pregnancy Decision Line* coaches and Care Net as an organization, care deeply—like you do—about building strong families, offering the Good News of Jesus Christ whenever possible, helping guide them into a pro abundant life relationship with the Lord, and ultimately leading women and men to choose life for their unborn babies.

### Their Story Is Still Being Written

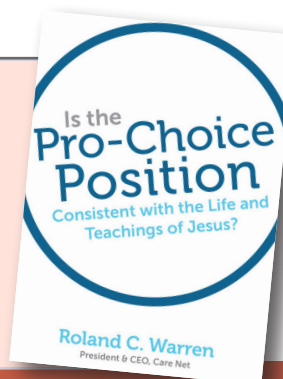
Fast forward to today. Skylar just recently reached out to the PDL coach she had talked to before. She told her; "It's crazy how much you had helped me, and every day I'm so thankful for his little face." She also shared

## Is the Pro-Choice Position Consistent with the Life and Teachings of Jesus?

Care Net President & CEO Roland Warren has written this great ebook to help pro-life Christians engage with those in their churches and communities who profess to be Christians and pro-choice.

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# We Only Have 9 Days

Few things are more important in our fight against abortion than reaching parents in the short time between when they find out they are facing an unplanned pregnancy and when they schedule an abortion.

According Care Net's research, **that critical period is only 9 days.**

That's right. Those of us who value the sanctity and dignity of human life only have 9 days to intervene in the life of an unborn child. And it's probably much less time than that. The abortion pill has emerged as the method of choice for ending the lives of unborn babies and the federal government has created an "abortion hotline" to be staffed by abortion giants that will refer for abortions.

**That's why Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line* (PDL) is absolutely necessary for the success of pro-life efforts in our nation.**

In response to this information, Care Net formed PDL in 2012 and then recently relaunched PDL to meet the new needs of today's post-Roe world. PDL is unique among national pro-life hotlines because our coaches—many of whom are registered nurses—are trained to not only provide medically accurate information about abortion, but to also provide Christlike compassion and hope to our callers.

Most other pro-life hotlines only refer their callers to a pregnancy center. **But when someone calls PDL, they can talk through a pregnancy decision, receive follow-up care from their coach, and be referred to a pregnancy center.** The taxpayer-funded "reproductive health" hotline will primarily refer callers to abortion clinics.

PDL's website ensures that people looking for information about abortion clinics and the abortion pill can find us. When they do, PDL coaches—unlike abortion giants like Planned Parenthood—provide **all** the information needed to make a fully informed decision about a pregnancy.

The pro-choice movement and abortion industry know you and I threaten their abortion monopoly. They push abortion, and only abortion, as the "best option" for dealing with an unwanted pregnancy.

But we know parents deserve more than this. They deserve compassion and hope that could very well save the life of a precious unborn child, but also save mothers and fathers from a lifetime of regret. That's why our PDL coaches provide the Christ-centered emotional support and prayer needed to help break chains of isolation and shame.



You make this work possible. Thank you!

Blessings,

Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO

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some pictures of her baby and the whole family. This is what reconciliation is all about. God's reconciliation for the world through His Son Jesus Christ results in family reconciliation, like we have seen here with Skylar. PRAISE GOD!

God brings reconciliation through people like you. Your sacrificial generosity is part of God's plan to bring families back together. Your partnership ensures that resources like *Pregnancy Decision Line* are available to moms and dads like Skylar and her husband to help them choose not just life for the unborn child but abundant life in Christ. THANK YOU for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

**You can save EVEN MORE babies through our Matching Challenge!**

*Your gift today will reach more parents considering abortion in the post-Roe environment!*



Friends of Care Net have given \$30,000 and have challenged you to help match it! Your gift today will help save even more unborn lives!

Right now, when even more parents need compassion, hope, and help to choose life for their children, your generosity will help reach even more moms and dads considering abortion through our national hotline, our nearly 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our network of churches trained for pro-life ministry. Your response to this challenge today will mean more lives can be transformed and more babies will be saved!

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!**

## OUR CARING PARTNERS: HEROES SAVING LIVES 365 DAYS A YEAR!

Every single day, parents considering abortion find Care Net's national hotline, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a church equipped for vibrant pro-life ministry through our church curriculum. You can help ensure they are able to find compassion, hope, and help 365 days a year by donating monthly and becoming a *Caring Partner*!

### 3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

1. Select "Make My Gift Monthly" on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift.
2. Visit us online at: [care-net.org/give-monthly](http://care-net.org/give-monthly)
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909



Questions?

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## Harper's Change of Heart

### ...and Your Critical Part!

Harper\* grabbed the happy jack-o'-lantern bib from the rack, and put it into the cart. She was so excited to be picking out baby clothes! A few weeks ago it was hard to believe this shopping trip could ever happen.

It wasn't her original idea. Her mom and dad were angry she got pregnant with Moe's\* baby. Moe wasn't their idea of a good boyfriend, let alone a good father for their baby. Even now, she wasn't on speaking terms with her parents. If not for her sister, Kiki\*, Harper didn't know if she'd survive those first weeks. She told Kiki she didn't really want an abortion because it felt so wrong, but she didn't know how she was going to college with a baby.

Kiki was in her corner.

### You Were in Harper's Corner, Too

One day Kiki asked Harper if she wanted to talk to someone about the pregnancy and her options. She gave her a phone number for something called *Pregnancy Decision Line*—a pregnancy hotline funded entirely by your generosity.

She was glad she made that call. The hotline coach was

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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

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*Are you ready to start a conversation?*

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or [pregnancydecisionline.org](http://pregnancydecisionline.org).





## How Would You Like to Give for Free?

Let me ask you a question. If you could make a gift to Care Net right now and not have it come out of your bank account, would you? I sure would!

Many supporters have asked about other ways to save the lives of unborn children alongside Care Net. Because things are difficult for many, and we're all certainly thinking about our finances a little more just now, I want to share a simple way to give that might just make a difference for you: donating from your retirement account.

Giving through your traditional IRA might be for you IF:

- You are 70½ or older. You can give to Care Net and avoid taxes on that amount up to \$100,000 tax free, in most cases.
- You want to make a gift, and not use your cash on hand right now.
- You must take the required minimum distribution (RMD) from your IRA, but you don't really need extra income.
- If you turn 73 in 2023, you NEED to take your RMD. If you take it out and receive the funds, you will pay income tax on the withdrawal.

Contact your IRA custodian and tell them you want them to make a gift to Care Net, or let me know if you would like more information.

**Bob Milton, Director of Planned Giving**  
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kind, discreet, and listened to Harper's fears. The coach really cared, and though Harper didn't decide to keep the baby right away, that conversation was the first step. Harper began to think of a future for herself and her baby.

Thanks to you, *Pregnancy Decision Line* is available to help moms like Harper give their unborn children the abundant life God wants them to have. While big abortion and government funded services, like the abortion hotline, try to push moms toward abortion and a lifetime of regret, you offer them the life-giving alternatives that promise hope and transformation.

Please pray for God to send help to moms like Harper from friends and family, like Kiki, who will be a voice of truth to persuade them to choose life for their unborn children. And please pray for our *Pregnancy Decision Line* coaches to have wisdom, compassion, and patience as they minister to those calling in their darkest hour.

## Talking to Pro-Choice Christians

If you're pro-life, it's one thing to make the case for life with someone who doesn't have a faith background. You can use logic, science, and secular arguments to show why we must protect and defend the unborn from abortion.

But, while all of those methods can be effective with Christians, we have an even more important common ground with Christians who profess to be pro-choice—the *Bible*.

This 4-week mini-course will help you use Biblical principles and overlooked parts of Scripture to help Christians who consider themselves pro-choice see how our faith is undeniably on the side of life.



Sign up for your FREE course here

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