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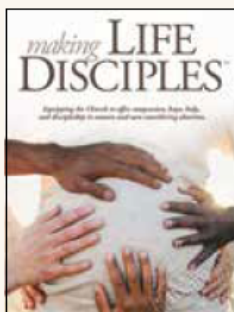
Your support of biblical truth . . . saved a baby's life.



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Just months away from college graduation, Krys was distraught when two pink lines showed up on her home pregnancy test. Pregnant.

In her mind, a baby threatened everything she had worked so hard to achieve and the promising career that lay ahead. Abortion felt like the only solution, so she started researching abortion procedures. During her Google search, an online ad for Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) popped up and she decided to call.

When Carrie, Krys's PDL coach, picked up the phone, she was ready for anything. As she explained the different types of abortion and answered Krys's questions, she heard tears on the other end of the phone. Tenderly, she asked, "Do you want to talk about what you're feeling?"

You Provided a Safe Place for One Desperate Mother

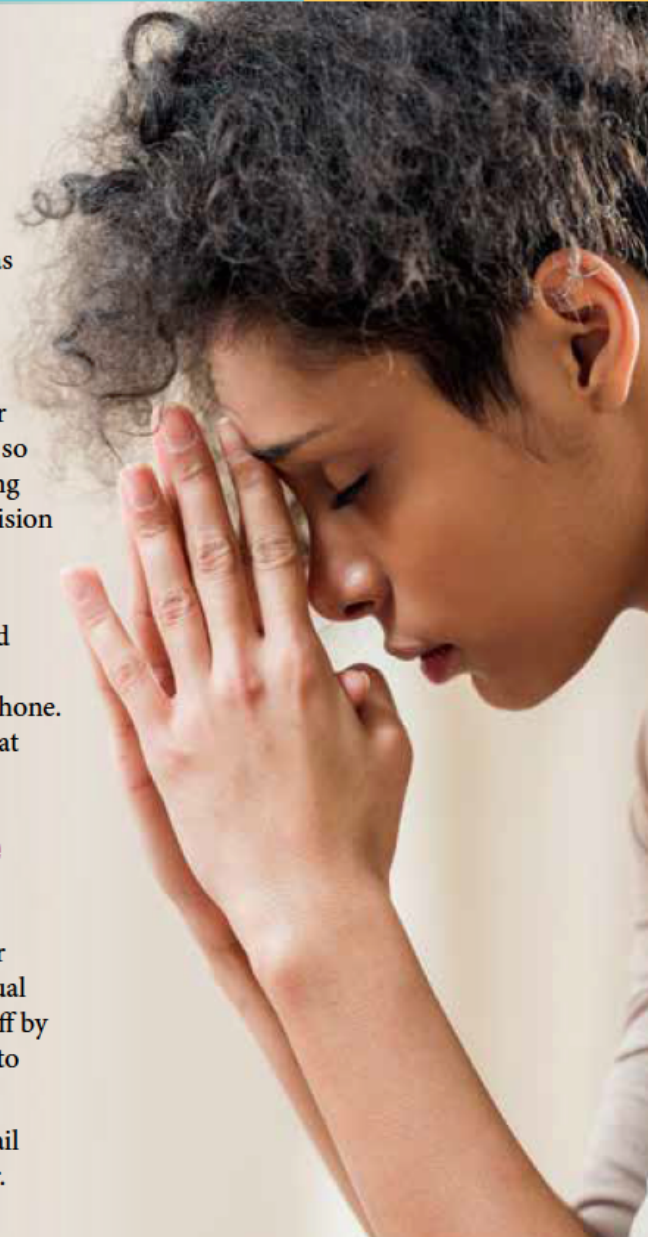
As they talked, it was clear God was opening a door to discuss faith. As Carrie asked about Krys's spiritual beliefs, Krys shared that she'd always been turned off by the way church people "bash" each other and tried to steer clear of them.

Carrie agreed that people who go to church often fail to live up to God's standards for loving one another. But then she asked Krys whether she had ever considered Jesus and His teachings.

"No," Krys admitted, "and I'm not sure what I believe about Him." But she was willing to *listen*.

So, Carrie shared the Gospel. When she finished, Krys said she wanted a relationship with Jesus! As they prayed together, this mother invited Jesus to be her Lord and Savior.

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Emergency Room or Safe Room?

There are increasingly prominent voices in pregnancy center ministry suggesting that pregnancy centers should operate like emergency rooms. They tout this approach as a “new and better” way to serve women and men considering abortion.

But at Care Net we believe pregnancy centers should operate like safe rooms, not emergency rooms. So... why does this matter?

As you know, an emergency room is a place that provides immediate treatment for acute illnesses and trauma. A safe room, on the other hand, is a room that is set up to be safe from intrusion and is equipped with resources needed to direct security operations.

The problem with an emergency room approach is that emergency rooms are hectic places where crises are played out, often in graphic ways. Emergency room doctors and nurses are trained to quickly deal with symptoms, but not to address causes.

The safe room approach, on the other hand, moves us away from the “crisis paradigm.” People generally don’t make good decisions when they feel as though they are in a crisis. Therefore, our job must be to provide a safe place where we can take the time to address not just the symptoms, but create long-term solutions.

This is the difference between transactional work and transformational work. Emergency rooms are transactional. Safe rooms are transformational. They are places to talk about things like family, marriage, motherhood, fatherhood, adoption, and, most importantly, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is no time or place to present the gospel in an emergency room setting. That is why proponents of the emergency room philosophy may say that sharing the gospel is optional at best or a distraction at worst.

But in our safe rooms, Care Net pregnancy centers know that the only way to produce true and lasting transformation in our clients is to share with them the Good News and the Abundant Life that Christ promises. We want our clients coming back not to be served, but to serve others!

Amen.



Blessings,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

To watch a video about Care Net’s “safe room” approach to pregnancy center ministry, visit care-net.org/safe-room.



Hear more from Roland on Twitter! @RolandCWarren

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You Demonstrated the Transformative Power of the Gospel

The next time they connected, Krys told Carrie that she and her boyfriend decided to carry the baby to term and were excited. **She shared that she had been praying about everything and knew Jesus was the reason for her tremendous peace.**

Krys’s story underscores why Care Net is committed to equipping PDL coaches and affiliated pregnancy centers to recognize opportunities to share the Gospel and to do it effectively, with grace and compassion.

Krys called PDL distraught, but hung up a new creation...with the peace of Christ guiding her choice. That peace gave her the strength to make a well-informed decision and to choose life. When people, like Krys, embrace Christ—everything changes. Instead of returning with another crisis, they can return to serve rather than be served.

Thank you so much for helping make this story possible and for being part of the Pro Abundant Life movement!

Every Life is Worthy of Protection

HELP SAVE A LIFE TODAY!

In the next 30 days, we need to raise \$422,000 to continue reaching parents considering abortion with a message of hope and LIFE. Your generous tax-deductible gift today will help continue to reach women and men through the work of Pregnancy Decision Line, equip our network of over 1,100 affiliated pregnancy centers, and prepare even more churches for vibrant Pro Abundant Life ministry with our *Making Life Disciples™* curriculum.

Any gift you share today will help save precious unborn lives, sparing them from the horror of abortion.

Thank you!

"Can God still love me?"

How you shared the truth about the abiding love of Christ!

Lyn felt alone and scared. A positive home pregnancy test had her in an emotional tailspin.

How could she have a baby right now?

She knew what she had to do—abortion was the only way out. It's a pretty common story. *It's heartbreaking.*

The average woman facing an unexpected—or unexpectedly complicated—pregnancy takes only nine days to schedule an abortion after a positive pregnancy test. Many of these women never get the chance to step outside of their situation and consider what would be best for them or their children.

Lyn called the Pregnancy Decision Line (PDL) to learn more about abortion procedures.

The coach who answered her call recognized immediately that this mother was in crisis mode and began a conversation designed to bring her to the place where she could calmly and rationally consider her own situation as well as her baby's.

As Lyn learned about the potential physical and psychological risks of abortion, she told her coach that she feared abortion would leave her with even more pain.

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OUR CARING PARTNERS:

HEROES SAVING LIVES EVERY MONTH!

Every month, parents considering abortion find Care Net's Pregnancy Decision Line or one of our affiliated pregnancy centers. You can help ensure that they continue to find compassion, hope, and help as one of our *Caring Partners!*

As a Caring Partner, you will also receive special benefits, including:

- A designated Care Net team member to serve you
- Updates on how your monthly support saves lives
- An exclusive monthly prayer devotional for your personal spiritual growth
- Invitations to special partner events

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3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

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You never know when you can point someone to hope, to life, and to Christ! **Pregnancy Decision Line** is saving and transforming lives, and with these two cards you can

connect a parent facing a pregnancy decision with the compassion, help, and hope they need to choose LIFE for their unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their families!

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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"Can God still love me?"

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Lyn knew that there was a God, and felt guilty for wanting an abortion. As she shared this, she asked her coach a heartbreaking question: "How can God still love me after everything I've done?"

The PDL coach took this opportunity to introduce her to the everlasting love of Christ.

Lyn's conversation with the PDL coach gave her the opportunity to find peace and the transformational power of Christ during her unexpected pregnancy. When Lyn learned that God loved her, she gained the courage to love her child no matter *what their future held*. Lyn prayed with her coach and said that she knew God would support her.

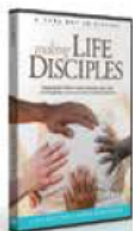
Abortion was no longer an option.

Thank you for encouraging this mother to embrace life... and find grace in the love of God!

Does your church have a pro-life ministry?

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Vision Statement:

Care Net envisions a culture where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions are transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are empowered to choose life for their unborn children and abundant life for their families.



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