

Are you ready for Lent?

Lent is a time set aside by many Christian denominations to prepare for the celebration of Easter and it is so important that we continue to keep ourselves in fellowship with Christ and seek His face during this season of prayer and intercession!

We created a free Praying Through Lent devotional ebook to help you and your family focus on the life-changing, culture-transforming power of the Gospel as we await the celebration of Christ's resurrection. Each week's devotional reading features a reflection on key scriptures regarding Christ's ministry and life-affirming Lenten prayers.



Sign up to receive the ebook at: <https://resources.care-net.org/lent>

## Freedom from Shame

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services. She took time to listen while Samantha voiced her fears.

When the coach began to pray over the phone, Samantha felt a weight lifting from her shoulders and she began to cry. She realized that she wasn't alone.

The coach was able to have a powerful conversation with Samantha about the gospel. Samantha listened intently as the coach explained that, through Christ's sacrifice, freedom from shame is available to all. Although Samantha did not pray with the coach, it was apparent to her at the end of the call that the gospel had already begun to do a mighty work in Samantha's heart.

Thanks to your generous support of *Pregnancy Decision Line*, not only are the lives of unborn babies being saved, but the hope of the gospel is freeing women from years of shame for past abortions. Thank you!



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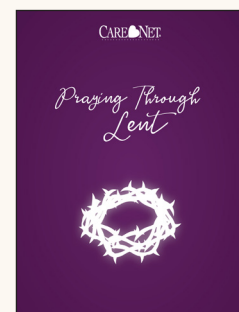
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## Destiny's Return to Christ!

Your generosity reaffirmed her faith and helped her choose ABUNDANT life!

If you had met Destiny before her call to *Pregnancy Decision Line*, she would have told you she was a Christian. She tried to do what was right, to live a good life. And, from the outside, everything looked fine. What you couldn't see was her inner turmoil as she wrestled with her positive pregnancy test.

Destiny *knew* abortion wouldn't honor God, but God felt distant while her boyfriend was *right there*. When she told him the news ... he insisted she get an abortion. Her mom agreed that it was the only choice.

With no one else to turn to, she searched for abortion information and found the number for *Pregnancy Decision Line*. She called and was immediately connected with a coach.

As Destiny explained her fears, the coach could tell that Destiny believed that abortion was sinful. As they talked about her faith, Destiny realized that she hadn't been walking with God. She felt the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit, calling her to repentance.

So, she did. Right then and there, she prayed with her coach and rededicated her life to Christ! She then resolved to carry her baby to term, no matter what her mom and boyfriend said. Her coach was able to refer her to a local pregnancy center for ongoing support, making sure that Destiny has someone to walk alongside her through the journey ahead.

Your partnership with Care Net helps women like Destiny every day.

Destiny isn't alone. Care Net's research into abortion found that two out of five women who have abortions were attending church at least once a month at the time of their first abortion. The Guttmacher Institute reports that Christians account for 54% of abortions. Unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancies isolate these women, leaving them feeling as though they have nowhere to turn and that abortion is their only option.

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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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### Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
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\*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.

## How an Easter “Abortion” Became an Easter Miracle

Many of us who consider ourselves pro-life are convinced that if those who choose abortion could only see the truth – that they are carrying a life inside of them – then they will do what is right: **choose life**. But there are still nearly one million abortions every year, despite the prevalence of ultrasounds.

As I considered this, I thought of another life and death situation that has application for us: the Apostle Peter’s denial of Jesus Christ.

Even though Peter was one of Jesus’ most committed followers, after Jesus was arrested, we find Peter trying to avoid any association with Him. After Peter denies Jesus three times, Jesus looks straight at Peter and he remembers Jesus’ words, “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

Peter fled in despair. *Peter had “aborted” Jesus.*

Abortion, at its essence, is a reflection of a worldview as old as sin. Peter knew that Jesus was the Way, the Truth, and the Life. But at that moment, Jesus was a life worth sacrificing.

Because Peter was alone and afraid, it was easier for him to deny what he knew was true.

Many women and men who have aborted their little ones have much in common with Peter; they knew that their baby was a life, but because of their circumstances, their baby was a life worth sacrificing.

Therefore, it’s instructive that when Jesus restored Peter in John 21, his argument was not, “Am I a life?” But rather, “Am I the love of *your* life?” Jesus appealed to a covenant relationship very similar to the one parents should have with their children, especially in the womb.

Once restored, Peter never “aborted” Jesus again. He faithfully shared the Gospel and sacrificed his life on a cross to make disciples for Jesus Christ. The Easter “abortion” became an Easter miracle.

Peter’s story shows us how we can lovingly reach out to those who remain blinded, just as we were, until by God’s grace, our eyes were opened. For we too, like Peter, were once deniers of the Way, the Truth, and the Life...until we weren’t.



Blessings to you,

Roland C. Warren  
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*This column was adapted from a more in-depth blog post by Roland Warren which is available on our website: <https://www.care-net.org/churches-blog/the-apostle-peters-abortion-decision>*

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## Destiny's Return to Christ!

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Every week, women walk out of church on Sunday and into *Planned Parenthood* on Monday.

That’s why it’s critical that we reach them with the hope of the gospel. Your on-going support ensures that there is always a coach equipped to have gospel conversations with women and men considering abortion before it’s too late.

**All Destiny needed was one voice** – one person brave enough affirm what she already knew: that the baby growing in her womb was a life worth protecting, not sacrificing.

Because of your support of Pregnancy Decision Line, two lives were saved that day and a daughter of the King of Kings returned to His loving arms.



## Choosing ABUNDANT Life in Christ!

Help save a life today for eternity!

In the next 30 days, we need to raise \$448,000 to continue reaching parents considering abortion with a message of hope and LIFE. Your generous gift today will help continue to reach women and men through the work of our national hotline, equip our network of 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!

## Freedom from Shame

How your generosity gave her hope and saved her baby!

Samantha had always regretted her abortion. She was overwhelmed by shame every time she thought about the child she had never met. Whenever the feelings of guilt welled up, she pushed them back down so that she could cope and keep going.

When she found out she was pregnant again, Samantha’s heart was filled with fear. She didn’t have the finances or support she needed to bring a baby into the world. She reluctantly decided to get another abortion, seeing no other way.

Before the appointment, Samantha searched the internet looking for answers and found the number for *Pregnancy Decision Line*. She didn’t allow herself to hope that anyone would be able to help her, but she made the call.

She had no idea what to expect when she dialed the number. The first thing she noticed was the kindness in the coach’s voice. The coach gently asked Samantha what she *wanted* to do, not what she felt she had to do. Samantha took a deep breath and blurted out, “I want to keep my baby.”

### Realistic Alternatives, Real Hope

The coach carefully assured Samantha that there were people who loved her and who wanted to help her in tangible ways. She provided Samantha with information about a local pregnancy center and told her about some of their specific

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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

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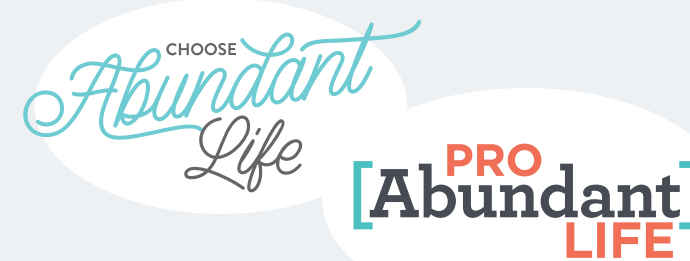


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WHICH ONE CAN I SEND YOU?



## Everyday Heroes:

Every day, parents considering abortion find Care Net’s Pregnancy Decision Line, one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or a life-affirming church equipped by Care Net for ministry to those considering abortion. You can help ensure that they continue to find compassion, hope, and help as by signing up as a Caring Partner! Your monthly gift as a Caring Partner hero will save lives 365 days a year! If you sign up at \$30/month (or increase your Caring Partner monthly gift by \$10/mo) online or over the phone we would like to thank you by sending you one of our two exclusive Care Net T-shirts!

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

### 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. (Make sure to fill out the back!)
2. Visit us online at: [care-net.org/donate-cp](http://care-net.org/donate-cp)
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

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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!

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