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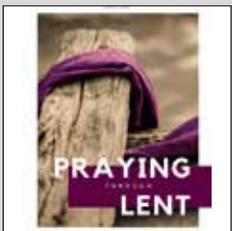
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Just Five Minutes...

In those minutes, you saved Esme's baby!

Five minutes ago, Esme* found out she was unexpectedly pregnant. That little blue line on her test was the *last* thing she wanted to see. Instantly, she was in an emotional tailspin as questions flooded her mind. What would she do? How could she carry this baby? Why did God let this happen to her? Each new question sparked greater uncertainty and anxiety.

For Esme, the first five minutes that she knew she was a mother felt like five hours. She really needed to talk to someone now, but who could she possibly talk to about this?

Esme, like so many others, went online searching for information about abortion. It seemed like the only option. But, **thanks to your generous support of *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline, she found a number where she could speak to a coach who gave her the immediate, real-time support and care she needed to make a different choice.**

Through tears, she said that she "just really needed someone to talk to because she didn't know what to do." Her coach provided a safe and compassionate place for Esme to sort through her fears about the pregnancy. As Esme's emotions began to settle, she remembered that God loved her. She told her coach that she knew "God had a plan for her baby."

When Esme found out that she could meet with a local pregnancy center, she wasted no time and requested an appointment right then and there. She had no idea that there was a center so close that she could turn to for material, emotional, and spiritual support.

Five minutes. That's how long Esme's baby had between a positive pregnancy test and a search for abortion information. Can you imagine what might have happened if she had not seen that ad for *Pregnancy Decision Line*? What could have happened if there had been no coach to speak with her?

Praise God, we don't have to imagine that. You ensured that Esme could find hope instead of despair.

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How Marriage Benefits Children!

This Valentine's Day, learn the facts about how marriage benefits children and why we must embrace marriage if we want to make abortion unthinkable. Get your copy of this research-filled eBook today!

<https://resources.care-net.org/how-marriage-benefits-children/>



*Names throughout this newsletter have been changed to protect the privacy of individuals.

Why We Put Christ at the Center

As Christians, we often take it for granted that we should be pro-life. But recently, I've really begun to think through the "why" behind the "what." Why is being pro-life central to our faith in Christ?

For me, it starts with the birth of Jesus himself. You see, a fundamental tenet of our Christian faith is that Jesus Christ is fully God and became fully man in order to save us in our humanity. In other words, there was never a point at which Jesus wasn't God (John 1), and at the moment he descended from heaven to save us in our humanity, there could never have been a point at which he was not fully man... But why does this matter?

Because Jesus was fully man from the moment Mary became pregnant with him, he was also fully human. Can you see where this leads us?

From the moment of Christ's conception, he had to have been fully human; otherwise, the very foundation of our Christian faith crumbles. And since he was fully human from the moment of conception, his life was certainly sacred and certainly worthy of protection, as are the lives of every single human being because they are created in the image and likeness of God.

All of this leads to an inevitable conclusion – our Christian faith compels us to be pro-life. And, as you probably know, we strive to be Pro Abundant Life at Care Net, focusing not just on the life of the unborn child, but on the importance of marriage, fatherhood, family, and, you guessed it, the gospel.

And that is why Christ is at the center of everything we do. Because we love Jesus and would have done anything to protect him in his mother's womb, we are compelled to do the same for every one of God's children.

I am honored that you have joined us in this Pro Abundant Life mission.



Blessings to You,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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Just Five Minutes...

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Because of you, Esme no longer saw her baby as a frightening and insurmountable roadblock, but as part of "God's plan."

You helped her to find a place of peace in Christ in the midst of her emotional storm.

Thank you for helping Esme embrace God's will for her baby. Thank you for helping her choose life!

SAVE ANOTHER LIFE TODAY!



Your gift in the next 30 days can give the gift of life to an unborn baby at risk!

Your gift today can change everything for mothers and fathers considering abortion right now...and their unborn children whose lives hang in the balance.

With your support, we can meet our \$351,300 monthly budget so that there will always be someone to answer desperate calls to our national hotline, to support a mother or father facing an unexpected pregnancy at one of our affiliated pregnancy centers, or through our network of churches to disciple and provide long-term emotional and spiritual support to families who choose life.

Because of you, unborn lives can be saved today!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP WITH CARE NET!

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 to become a *Caring Partner*!

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

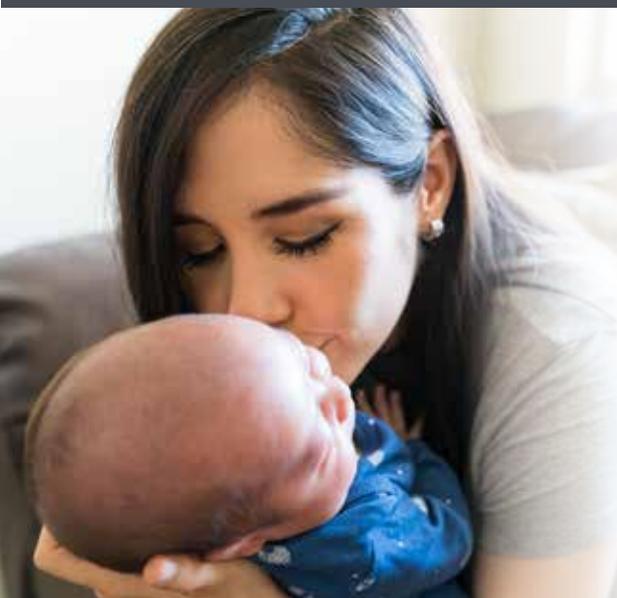
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1. Select "Make My Gift Monthly" on the enclosed reply device and return it with your first monthly gift.
2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/give-monthly
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Out of Darkness, Into the Light

You helped not only save a life but also expand God's Kingdom!

Karina* could feel her pulse rising the moment her eyes saw two lines appear on her pregnancy test. Life was already difficult, and this unexpected pregnancy couldn't have come at a worse time. There was no way she could even think about having a baby now. **She was desperate**, and in the back of her mind she knew her options were limited. Little by little, her dark thoughts led her to believe that the only way to get her life back on track was to have an abortion.

After a bit of digging online, Karina found *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's hotline for anyone facing a pregnancy decision. They had just what Karina needed right now: answers and support. Working up the courage, Karina told the coach all about her situation and asked what an abortion would be like.

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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

an unexpected or complicated pregnancy 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
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PREGNANCY DECISION LINE (PDL) is the nation's only hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or
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Saved by the Grace of God

A supporter's story

Shelly* is a supporter of Care Net and she is here only by the grace of God. She was nearly aborted 39 years ago. Her mother had paid for the abortion and was sitting in the waiting room of the abortion clinic waiting to be called back for her procedure. As the nurse called her mother's name three times, Shelly's mom heard the voice of God calling her to leave that place. Praise God, she listened and Shelly is alive and well!

Now God is using Shelly to help others' physical pain through her job as a physical therapist and God uses her to help others' spiritual and mental pain by sharing her amazing story.

Imagine if Shelly's mother had decided not to listen to the Lord and had aborted her! Imagine if there had been someone in her mother's life 39 years ago who was there to tell her that there were other alternatives to abortion. Maybe she would never have gone to the clinic in the first place.

We are so thankful for people like you and like Shelly who are a voice for the voiceless, letting people faced with abortion decisions know that there is hope. Thank you!

Are You Ready for Lent?

We created a free *Praying Through Lent* devotional series 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. You will also read powerful stories of God's resurrection power working in the lives of pregnancy center clients.



Get your free 40-Day Lenten Devotional today at this secure link:

<https://resources.care-net.org/praying-through-lent-devotional-ebook/>

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The coach gently offered factual descriptions of abortion procedures available to Karina. Somewhere in the middle of the description, **something deep inside Karina changed!**

Karina knew that she just couldn't do that to her baby! In her heart, **she desperately wanted to keep her baby, but she didn't know how she could do that.** She was still in a hard situation, and having a baby wasn't going to make things easier.

As the conversation continued, the coach started sharing the Gospel: how Jesus died for her and offered her a chance at an abundant life in Him. As she listened, Karina wanted to wrap herself up in this promise and make it her reality. **Casting off her doubts, Karina gave her life to Christ!**

Thanks to your generosity and compassion, many mothers like Karina have been transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and empowered to choose life for their babies. **But the battle isn't over yet.** Women like Karina are still living in hard places. Churches equipped for pro-life ministry and pregnancy centers are still essential.

Please pray for Karina to find a strong church to stand beside her, and thank you for making her story possible. You are making a real difference for her now, and for eternity.



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