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Not Just Life, but Abundant Life in Christ!

Tamara heard about Jesus because of you!

Tamara* thought herself to be like most of the women she knew. She'd grown up in a religious family who went to church often enough, and she considered herself a Christian. She wasn't one of *those* Christians, though. Not super enthusiastic or anything like that. She just tried to do the right thing, love her neighbor, and love God.

Her upbringing told her these were the things she needed to do. It also told her there were some things she shouldn't do, and things that God didn't like. Things like abortion. If you'd have asked her last year if she'd ever consider an abortion, she'd have said you were crazy to even ask. Abortion was the last thing she thought she'd consider.

Until she saw that blue line on her pregnancy test.

As soon as Tamara saw her positive pregnancy test, she knew her life would never be the same. Immediately, her mind raced with all the reasons she *couldn't have a baby right now*. Abortion had never seemed

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like an option before...but now... Somehow, it was different when it was her positive pregnancy test. Staring at the prospect of an unplanned pregnancy in the face changed all her preconceived notions about abortion.

Confronting Worldly Wisdom with God's Truth

Like so many women, Tamara went online as the very first place to get more information as she decided what to do. Thanks to your support, she saw the number for Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line* and was able to speak with a caring hotline coach grounded in a Pro Abundant Life perspective.

When Tamara said she was Christian, the hotline coach asked her to describe her faith. As the conversation progressed, the coach realized that Tamara had grown up in the church but didn't really know the Gospel. God was an impersonal force in her life and Jesus a distant moral teacher, not her personal savior.

So Tamara's coach introduced her to the Jesus of the Gospel. A living savior who loves her and her unborn child deeply. Who promises to walk with us through any difficulty and temptation so we can overcome it. Who values every single human life. Tamara left the conversation considering the truth she'd never really considered: the truth that she and her baby were part of God's plan.

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You can bring a Christ-like response to the abortion crisis to your church!

Take our user-friendly, exclusive online course to transform the way your church responds to women and men in need of the compassion, hope, and help that can help them choose life at NO COST with the code MLDFREE21.

Start your course today at carenetu.org



There's Always Reason for Hope

The recent turmoil in Washington, D.C., has left many of us feeling a sense of despair. Whether it's the outcome of the election itself, the way in which the election was carried out, or the violence at the Capitol Building in January, it has been very hard to watch the deterioration of things we hold dear as Americans.

Setting aside the political chaos for a moment, it is also hard—as Pro Abundant Life people—to come to terms with the tangible threats that the Biden-Harris Administration presents to the life issue.

The Democratic party platform is unequivocally pro-choice. Moreover, <u>Joe Biden and Kamala Harris themselves have personally pledged to protect the abortion industry, allow taxpayer funding to pay for abortions, and <u>more</u>. In short, they seek to overturn many — if not all — of the restrictions that have been put in place over the last several years to protect the unborn from abortion, and others designed to ensure that mothers have access to information about alternatives to abortion.</u>

As if that is not enough, Kamala Harris has a history of attacking the life-affirming work of pregnancy centers, and she has undoubtedly taken that perspective with her to Washington. (For more on this topic, visit care-net. org/abundant-life-blog).

All of this will likely create a hostile environment for Care Net to operate in. The Biden-Harris Administration will try to make it harder for us to do what we do — save the lives of the unborn and build strong families — while emboldening Planned Parenthood, NARAL, and others to step up their misguided attacks on pregnancy centers.

While all of this makes Care Net's work more urgent than ever, it doesn't change our work. The work of providing Christ's compassion, hope, and help to women and men considering abortion does not change based on who is in political power.

We are prepared, and we have you. And together, we can plead our case before the throne of heaven and pray for God's will to be done.

Indeed, I ask you to pray for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris—that they, like Saul who became Paul, would have a Damascus Road experience to lead them out of the darkness of supporting abortion and into the marvelous, life-affirming light.

You see, there is political power. There is cultural power. And then there is Jesus' power, and no one can take that away from us. We always have a reason for hope! Amen!

Blessings to you,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CFO

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Not Just Life but Abundant Life...

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Please pray with us for Tamara and her baby. Pray that as Jesus becomes more and more tangible in her life, so too will the truth that abortion destroys a precious life made in God's image.

Please also pray for the countless women and men like them. Our research into abortion found that two out of five women having their first abortion were attending church at least once a month at the time of their abortion. Most describe themselves as Christians, but many haven't been set free by the Gospel.

You ensure that these moms and dads can hear the Gospel, sometimes for the first time. Since 2008, more than 1.5 million parents have heard the Gospel of Jesus Christ because of you and generous pro-life partners who stand with Care Net in this work. Thank you!

You can help save lives now and for eternity!

Your gift will help parents and their unborn babies have not just life but Abundant Life in Christ!



Your gift today will be used to share the Gospel with mothers and fathers considering abortion right now...and save the lives of their unborn babies.

Your generosity ensures that a coach is there to answer the phone at our national hotline, that our affiliated pregnancy centers have the training and resources they need to support mothers and fathers facing an unexpected pregnancies, and that churches in our growing life-affirming network will be equipped to reach out to and serve parents considering abortion.

Because of you, unborn lives can be saved today and for eternity!

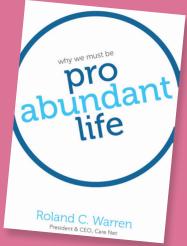
Why We Must Be Pro ABUNDANT Life

We all know what it means to be prolife. But in God's design there is more to the story. We are not called to only be pro-life, but to be Pro Abundant Life.

In John 10:10, Christ says," The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

Why We Must Be Pro Abundant Life by Roland C. Warren, president and CEO of Care Net, lays out Care Net's vision for how "pro-life





Purchase your booklets today at store.care-net.org/why-we-must-be-pro-abundant-life-book



As our culture continues to attempt to define love, you can point others to the TRUTH of what the Bible says love is! To help you share the truth of God's love, Care Net's brand new *LOVE IS* signs carry the words of 1 Corinthians 13: *Love is patient, love is kind...*

To purchase a sign or a bundle of 10 signs for your yard, or to share with your friends and church, go to loveyardsigns.org.

When Katie Faced Death...

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Katie found herself in a meaningful conversation with a kind and respectful life-affirming coach. After hearing her story, her coach told her about a nearby pregnancy center offering realistic alternatives to abortion including material support, spiritual support, and information about adoption or keeping her baby.

After a long conversation about spiritual things, the hotline coach did something Katie was not prepared for. She asked if it would be okay to pray for her right there over the phone. Her entire conversation with her coach was a stark contrast to the cold attitude of the receptionist who scheduled her abortion days ago. Her coach listened to her concerns and obviously cared about her and her baby.

When the call was over, Katie was even more convinced she would regret having an abortion and was strongly considering cancelling her abortion appointment...

All across the country, thousands of women find themselves at a crossroads. On one path is the gift of life that can lead to years of peace and healing, and on the other is a path of death with a lifetime of regret and pain. Thanks to your donations, women like Katie are discovering they have options, and don't have to take the road many in our culture pressure them to take.

Please join us in prayer for women like Katie to find a refuge in Care Net's hotline, pregnancy centers and network of churches where they can receive the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose life.

Thank you so much for all you do!



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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 **pregnancydecisionline.org**

Steps to Help Save a Life

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

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

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





You offered her the chance to choose life!

Tomorrow. That was when Katie would go in for her abortion, but now **she wasn't sure if that was really what she wanted**. She had been browsing the internet for information on the procedure. She didn't know what to expect, and wanted to know more before she made the long drive to the clinic.

She needed answers, so she went back online.

She found the phone number for something called the *Pregnancy Decision Line*; where she could have a conversation with someone about her pregnancy. Feeling isolated by the pandemic lockdowns and unsure about her appointment, Katie decided to give them a call.

And she was <u>not</u> disappointed.

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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!

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