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Rachael Knew Abortion Was Wrong... and you helped her choose life!

As Pro Abundant Life people, we are painfully aware of the importance of sharing the realities of their unplanned pregnancies and what God says about abortion with moms and dads.

However, what happens when a young and unmarried woman who is raised in the church finds herself facing an unplanned pregnancy? Rachael was one such woman. She grew up in the church. She knew all too well the humanity of unborn children and God's desire for children to be raised by a mother and father united together in marriage. She also knew that God-honoring sexual expression is enjoyed between a husband and wife.

She'd been raised with the right understanding. The problem was, she'd witnessed how her parents had responded to news of other girls her age getting pregnant. Their

responses told her she wasn't safe letting them, or anyone else, know about what she did. She couldn't see how she could carry her baby to term.

So, she went online looking for a place to schedule her abortion.

If it wasn't for you, that's where her story and the life of her baby would have ended.

But because you chose to intervene through Care Net, Rachael saw an ad for our national hotline for those considering abortion, *Pregnancy Decision Line*, and called in.

Building Trust, Speaking Truth

Rachel explained that she knew abortion was wrong, but she didn't know how she could choose anything else. It was clear, Rachael didn't want an abortion, but she was afraid her parents would disown her if they knew she'd had sex and gotten pregnant. She was scared and ashamed.

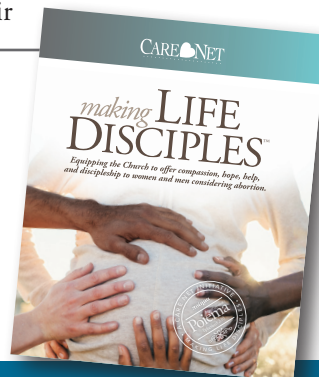
But thanks to you, Rachael's coach was able to pray with her and encourage her to hold tight to the God she loved and the promise He made to never leave her or her baby.

Making Life Disciples Online!

Take our user-friendly, exclusive online course to transform the way your church responds to women and men in need of compassion, hope, and help.

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Are We Prepared to 'Win'?

In May, we received news that the Supreme Court decided to hear a case regarding a 2018 Mississippi law deemed to be unconstitutional by lower courts. The law would have made abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy illegal in Mississippi.

This is great news! Their decision raises the possibility, once again, that *Roe v. Wade* (the 1973 Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal across the country) could be overturned or weakened.

That is certainly a reason for hope. But it should also serve as a sober reminder about the importance of making sure we are prepared to win this legal victory. Such a legal victory would make abortions harder to get in many states. While this is good, it won't make unplanned pregnancies go away. And when those unplanned pregnancies happen, there will be many more women and men—thousands? hundreds of thousands?—looking for a place to turn to for help in the absence of their ability to get an abortion.

Are we ready to receive them?

Care Net has an amazing network of nearly 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers. They stand ready to serve women and men at-risk for abortion, regardless of what the law says. But what about communities without pregnancy centers? What about the people who don't want to visit a pregnancy center because they've been influenced by the pro-choice movement's lies about pregnancy centers?

This is why the local church and its role in serving women and men considering abortion are so important. There are over 400,000 churches in the United States. If just 1% of those churches—4,000 of them—offered visible ministries for women and men considering abortion, 1,200 could grow to an incredible 5,200 points of compassion in local communities across the country.

Don't you want to be part of *that* sort of change? You can! Learn more about how Care Net can help you start a Pro Abundant Life ministry at your church at: makinglifedisciples.com.



Let's make sure we, the Church, are prepared to win. Amen!

Blessings to you,

Roland C. Warren
Care Net President & CEO

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Rachael knew abortion was wrong...

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Stories like Rachael's are why we have to do more than just teach the right things about abortion in church, we have to live these truths out with compassion and grace. Right now, your support is transforming churches across the country with our *Making Life Disciples* curriculum so they are ready to minister to women like Rachael. To make sure that no one feels like they are trapped in an unplanned or unwed pregnancy.

You are demonstrating to countless moms and dads that they *can* choose life. They *can* find grace and compassion.

Thank you for being there for women like Rachael. Please join us in praying for her and all the other women and men like her to find hope and help in the church.

Bring the Compassion, Hope, and Help Parents Need!

Your help will save even more babies' lives...and share the message of ABUNDANT life in Christ!



Your support makes it possible for more parents to know the hope available to them through the gospel of Jesus Christ... and empowers them to choose life for their unborn children and ABUNDANT life for their families.

Through your gifts and prayers, desperate moms and dads receive compassion, hope, and help through our national hotline, nearly 1,200 affiliated pregnancy centers, and our growing network of churches. Because of you, more lives can be transformed and more unborn babies' lives can be saved!

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
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2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/give-monthly
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

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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How You Helped Liz Stand by Her Daughter... ...even when her church didn't

Liz* couldn't forget that day even if she tried. The confusion when she found the pregnancy test in her daughter's trash can, and her heart stopping when she saw the two lines. When Rebecca* got home from school, her face said it all: shock, embarrassment, and fear.

After a long and difficult talk, Rebecca admitted she was planning to get an abortion to spare her mom and dad the embarrassment of their church friends finding out. **Liz was speechless but, after thinking it over, realized how difficult this situation really was for her daughter.**

It was no secret that some people at church thought women who got pregnant out of wedlock were "terrible sinners" or "raised by bad parents." Some even went as far as to say that "girls like that should be thrown out of church." Knowing all this, **Liz realized that those unforgiving attitudes would just feed the fear and shame her daughter was already feeling. Maybe they didn't realize that their judgement was driving young women**

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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!

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

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like her daughter into the abortion clinic as an “easy” way to escape their condemnation.

Remembering an ad she’d seen online, Liz gave a quick call to the *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net’s national hotline for those considering abortion. After hearing her story, the coach promised to pray for them and mentioned a local center that could help with some of their basic needs. *It was good to know someone was on their side.* Hanging up, Liz’s worries didn’t go away.

Would there be people at church willing to show the same kind of compassion, hope, and help to her daughter?

Shocking as it may sound, **40% of women having their first abortions were regular church attenders!** Ironically, many of them feel pressured into getting one for fear of discovery by their circles at church; and the judgment that comes with it. But Jesus calls us to give grace the same way He has given us grace.

By hosting a *Making Life Disciples* course at your church, you can provide a place where women and men faced with pregnancy decisions can receive the help they need and avoid making a mistake they’ll regret for the rest of their lives.

Supporting Care Net and Protecting the Unborn Today, Tomorrow, and Always

Did you know August is National Make-a-Will Month? Over the past year, we’ve all learned that life can change quickly — and through it all, your support has enabled us to continue to advocate for the unborn and share the love of Jesus.

Without your partnership, Care Net could not offer compassion, hope, and help to those considering abortion. As a thank you for your continued support, we want to offer you a free tool to create a legacy while passing on your values and valuables to those you love.

To make it easier to create your legacy, use this online tool to write your legal will, for free. In 20 minutes or less, you can protect the things you love, and make a lasting commitment to Care Net.

Get started today at FreeWill.com/carenetnational



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