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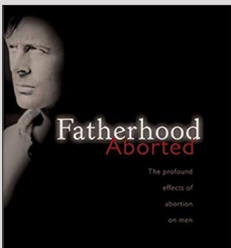
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You Transformed Keenan's Fears... ...and saved his child's life!

Keenan* thought life was going pretty well. The pandemic and economic shutdowns had been tough to deal with, but at least he got to spend more time with his girlfriend, Casey*v. They'd seen more of each other over the last few months than ever before. He was beginning to think that this relationship might be "the one." The more time they spent with each other, the more natural it felt.

They were even beginning to talk about what their future could look like.

Then, Casey found out she was pregnant and Keenan's confidence in the future was shattered.

How could he be a father right now? Things were still difficult for them financially and neither of them were at the place where parenting seemed like a realistic option.

Casey was waiting for him to give her his thoughts before deciding what to do. She said this was their baby and it would be their decision.

So, Keenan told her he would research their options and get back to her. Thanks to your generous partnership, he saw an ad online for Care Net's *Pregnancy Decision Line* and called the number.

Awakening a Father's Heart

As soon as the coach heard their situation, she began to ask him questions about his fears and hopes to help him consider the implications of fatherhood. The more they talked, the more he came to realize that he wanted to be there for his child. That, as unplanned and inconvenient as this situation was, this baby was *his* son or daughter. He knew he didn't want to end his or her life in an abortion.

He had no illusions that the road ahead would be easy. It wouldn't. But it would be worth it.

How did Casey take the news that Keenan wanted to embrace fatherhood? She was so



The nearly 2,500 women who choose to abort their unborn children every day are often influenced, for good or for ill, by the baby's father.

This eBook will inform you about how dads can help make abortion unthinkable and equip you to better encourage the men in your community to embrace their high calling.

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Receiving and Retrieving

I've always been fascinated by the Biblical accounts of how Jesus called on his disciples to come and follow him.

The Gospel of Matthews tells it this way in chapter 4, verses 18 to 20:

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

Christ did two things with these men – he called them *and* commissioned them. In my experience working with men and fathers for the past 20 years, I have found that this is the only effective way to engage men in a positive way in God's Kingdom.

First, you have to actively seek men out and call on them. **But getting their attention isn't enough—you have to give them a specific call to action... a mission.**

Jesus didn't assume that Peter and Andrew would just follow him—he told them "follow me and I will make you fishers of men." He gave them their mission!

It's important to note the difference between the way Christ interacted with women and men. Of note, women typically came to Jesus, like in the story of the woman with the issue of blood: *"When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, 'If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed'"* (Mark 5:27-28).

Christ—knowing human nature better than we know ourselves—understood that you must be prepared to both retrieve and receive people. Jesus went out and retrieved the disciples. When the woman with the issue of blood touched Jesus' cloak, he received and healed her.

This principle—retrieving and receiving—informs our ministry at Care Net. We have built tools and training to help our affiliated pregnancy centers reach into their communities to *retrieve* the men who can make a positive impact on the pregnancy decisions being made at their centers every day by the women that centers *receive* with open and loving arms. Only when we serve both women *and* men effectively can we build the strong, God-honoring families we need to help people have abundant life!



So, this Father's Day, think about the men you might need to retrieve so they can help save lives and build families in your church and community.

Blessings to you,

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Care Net President & CEO

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Choosing Fatherhood

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excited that she quickly began to shop for baby clothes.

You see, our research into abortion found that the father of the child is the most influential voice in a woman's pregnancy decision—more influential than her parents, friends, or any abortion provider. Women like Casey look to their partners to commit to support them and their babies. They don't want to face the difficult road of unplanned pregnancy and parenthood alone.

Indeed, God's plan is for no woman to face this road alone. His design is for women and men, united together in marriage, to bring children into this world *together*.

Thanks to you, Keenan and Casey embraced this calling. Thanks to you, their precious baby will meet his or her parents soon and discover their courageous choice.

**Your gift today will help us save
EVEN MORE unborn babies!**

*When we receive your gift
before our June 30 Deadline*



Your gift today will make an even greater impact through our \$55,000 Matching Challenge!

A friend of Care Net has given \$55,000 and challenged YOU to help match it!

You can ensure that even more mothers and fathers hear the transforming message of the Gospel that will help them choose not only life for their unborn child, but Abundant Life in Christ with your gift today.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP!

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*!

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2. Visit us online at: care-net.org/give-monthly
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

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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



When Tyler Threatened to End His Marriage with Katrina...

...you helped her stand firm for life

Katrina's* heart was still shaking from the sound of Tyler* slamming the door. **For all the time they'd been married, they'd never had a fight like this.**

She thought he'd be happy she was pregnant. But, when the words left her lips, Tyler went from being the sweet and funny guy she married to someone she didn't recognize. He pressured her to get an abortion, and insisted that was her only option. A heated debate quickly erupted into a shouting contest. Then, from out of nowhere, *he flat out told her that she would have to choose between their marriage or this baby.*

Then Tyler just stormed out.

Katrina wanted to keep her baby—she told her coach on the hotline that much over the phone. She knew the life growing inside her was a person, and ending that life would be wrong. Before the call ended, **the coach reassured her they would stand by her no matter what.**

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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!

Steps to Help Save a Life

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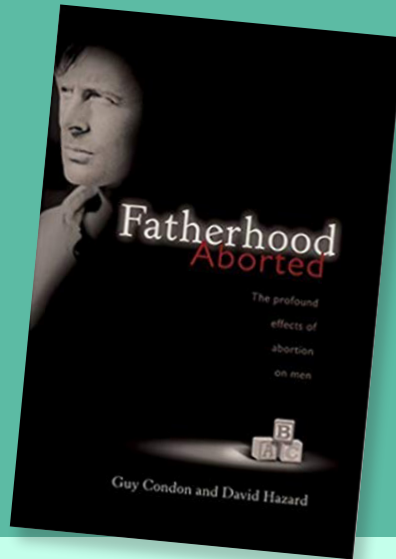
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We are here for you at **877-791-5475** or pregnancydecisionline.org

Fatherhood Aborted!

The authors discuss the aftershocks of abortion, share personal accounts of post-abortive men's own experiences, and show that the path to forgiveness and healing is found in a vital relationship with Christ, the Life Giver.



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While it was good to know someone had her back, the idea of raising her baby without Tyler was scary. But as *scary as that was, the thought of ending an innocent life growing just below her heart was even worse.*

Outside, she heard his car pull up. She braced herself. **She knew where she stood, and took her stand. But would Tyler stand with her?**

Unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancies are not limited to unmarried women. In some ways, when a spouse is the one advocating for abortion it is an *even more* difficult situation. **But your generosity means these mothers don't have to face the future alone.** Thanks to you, they can be surrounded by a community of believers through our affiliated pregnancy centers and local churches partnering with Care Net who will give them the material and spiritual support they need to choose life.

Please pray for God's protection over women like Katrina, who face hard choices and uncertain futures. Please also pray that God would open the hearts of husbands like Tyler who believe that abortion is the only option.



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