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## Homeless, Jobless, and Hopeless

### You Gave Savannah Compassion, Hope, and Help



Savannah\* watched Jake\* and Tara\* playing on the swings. She had *no idea* where their next meal was coming from.

Every day was a cycle of looking for a job, food, and a safe place to sleep where Kevin\* wouldn't find them. **She still had bruises from the last time she'd seen him.** She had gone to her local church, but it didn't go as she'd hoped. **Instead of open arms, the church turned her down as an "unworthy sinner" rather than a mom who needed compassion, hope, and help.**

Savannah believed she couldn't afford to raise the baby growing inside her; she could barely feed the kids she had already. **She felt judged, ashamed, and trapped, but she still had to think about the future.** As the kids made their way to the slide, Savannah looked up the nearest abortion clinics on her phone.

It turned her stomach to think about, but what other choice did she have?

### When Escaping an Abusive Boyfriend you Gave Savannah a Place to Turn

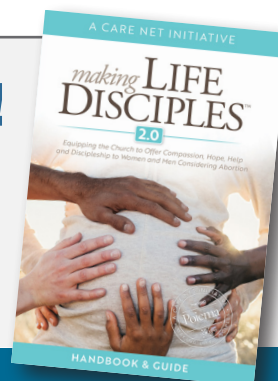
Somewhere in the long list of clinics, she found a toll-free number for Care Net's national hotline, *Pregnancy Decision Line*. "Free" was something she could afford, and **it might be good to have someone on her side for a change.**

The hotline coach was such a kind voice and gave her the name of a local pregnancy center willing to help with her material needs. Better still, she told Savannah that they'd partnered with a local church that wasn't too far from the park. A church that was ready and willing to help. **Savannah was overwhelmed by the promise of help, but still hesitant about going back to the church for it.**

The coach understood why she felt that way . . . and Savannah believed she meant it. **Someone actually cared about her and her children, and that made all the difference.** By the end of the call, a baby went from something to worry about to something to be excited about.

### You Offered Savannah Refuge and Another Choice

Instead of refuges of welcome and support, *some churches can feel like places of judgment*



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

# We Can't End Abortion Without Discipleship: *Jessica's Story*

People have many ideas on how to end abortion. Overturning *Roe v. Wade* and supporting pregnancy centers are two of the most common ones I hear. Both are valid strategies, but—alone—neither have the power to truly end abortion. What we need to end abortion is *discipleship*.

Let me share a story about a woman in my community. I don't have room here to tell you Jessica's\* entire story, so I'll keep it brief. Jessica was an unmarried mother of 6 children when she found out she was pregnant. The father of her children, including the child she was carrying in her womb, was barely in the picture and she was already struggling. So, Jessica decided to have an abortion.

Through my church's relationship with our local pregnancy center, we learned about Jessica's situation and decided to act. We came together to give Jessica the life support she needed to make a life decision. We provided for her material and practical needs: driving her and her children to and from school and other activities; buying Christmas presents; and remodeling her home so the children could have a quiet, safe environment.

We also cared for her spiritual needs. We helped her get to church as often as possible, even making her family breakfast in the morning so they could get out the door in time. And, of course, we talked to her about Jesus. We shared the gospel with her, in word and deed.

The story took a turn when Jessica's ultrasound revealed her unborn baby had a genetic disorder that would mean her baby would only live a few days after birth. But because of the love, care, support, and discipleship my church had provided for Jessica over the previous several months, she decided to carry her baby to term and let God do the rest.

Jessica went from considering aborting what she assumed was a healthy baby, to someone who could not even imagine aborting a baby who would ultimately live a very short life outside the womb. All because of the power of discipleship.

No law needed to change, nor did the pregnancy center movement need a massive expansion, for Jessica's transformation to happen. Instead, the "seat of discipleship," the Church, stepped up and stepped in to show the love of Christ to a mother in need. There are more than 400,000 churches in the United States. Imagine multiplying Jessica's story by 400,000 every year. That, folks, is how we end abortion.



Blessings,

Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO

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*and shame for moms like Savannah.* Because of this, many mothers with unexpected pregnancies are drawn by the empty promises of "a fresh start" from places like Planned Parenthood.

Thanks to your generosity, our hotline coaches are there to come alongside these parents before it's too late. Better still, *you* play a part in directing them to safe havens where they can receive the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose life. Safe havens like our affiliated pregnancy centers or church partners. Through your generosity, you share the love of Jesus and equip churches to receive and disciple these parents.

## 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 expanded national hotline, more than 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!**

# 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
- Invitations to special partner events and ministry updates

### 3 EASY WAYS TO ENROLL AS A CARING PARTNER:

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2. Visit us online at: [care-net.org/give-monthly](http://care-net.org/give-monthly)
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## You not only saved Mia's baby . . .

**You helped her find forgiveness and healing from her past abortion too**

Mia\* had been in this situation before. She'd had an abortion before, but this time felt different. God was really working on her heart.

Mia had already made an appointment with the abortion clinic, but she felt a tug at her heart to change that plan. Her newfound relationship with Jesus Christ prompted her to consider whether God would really want her to do this and if there might be some other options.

Mia's longtime circle of friends pressured her to keep the abortion appointment because she was just starting a new career. They were sure there was no way she could keep her baby and her job. She was torn.

Mia needed someone to share compassion, hope, and help with her so she could choose life for her baby. She confided in a new friend at church who referred her to our national hotline. After the church service that Sunday, she called and found exactly what she needed when she spoke to a coach on our *Pregnancy Decision Line*.

Talking with the warm, non-judgmental coach on the other end of the line far exceeded her expectations. Not only did she find comfort and the encouragement she needed for this pregnancy, but she also talked about her

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ANSWERS. BEFORE YOU DECIDE.

You can connect a parent with an unexpected or unexpectedly complicated pregnancy with the compassion, hope, and help they need to choose LIFE for the unborn child and ABUNDANT LIFE for their family!

### Steps to Help Save a Life

1. Cut out PDL cards
2. Carry with you
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**PREGNANCY DECISION LINE** (PDL) is a national hotline providing caring, confidential, and immediate support to women and men facing tough pregnancy decisions.

*Are you ready to start a conversation?*

We are here for you at **877-791-5475**  
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# Bob's Corner

I love puns. I love questions. But I adore pun questions. Take this, for example: "If oranges were blue, would it still be called orange juice?"

To be honest, I have given up asking rhetorical questions. What's the point? (Get it?)

Here's a question that's not so rhetorical. What will your legacy be? Well first, what's a legacy? Simply put, it's something we pass down from ourselves to someone else. What do people think of when they think about you? THAT's your legacy.

It's why we name monuments (Washington), roads (Eisenhower Freeway System), and buildings (Chrysler Building) after people we respect. I personally have named my feet after a poet. I call them long fellows! (Sorry, I couldn't resist.)

What if you could be remembered by making a gift to Care Net? Well, then you won't be remembered by a monument or building, but by a baby. YOUR LEGACY COULD BE A LIFE SAVED.

Did you know that you can get a totally free will AND make a gift to Care Net? Best of all, it costs you nothing now. Just visit this link to get started: [freewill.com/carenetnational](http://freewill.com/carenetnational).



If you need help, email me at [bob@care-net.org](mailto:bob@care-net.org) or call 703-653-1127.

**Bob Milton, Director of Planned Giving**

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feelings about her past abortion. After talking to her coach, she felt a sense of healing for the first time. She then discussed the idea of placing her baby with an adoptive family. The coach gave her some adoption resources and referred her to a local pregnancy center.

At the pregnancy center, Mia was met with open arms. Everyone she talked to on the hotline and at the pregnancy center was so compassionate, it gave her the assurance she needed to choose life for her baby.

### You Shared Hope!

Your generosity goes a long way! You've helped pave the way for Care Net's hotline coaches to share the compassion, hope, and help that each caller needs and connect these callers to Care Net's affiliated pregnancy centers, where they can receive the kind of hope and compassion that empowers women and men to choose life for their unborn children.

Thank you for your generosity. We are so grateful to stand with you in the fight for life and ABUNDANT LIFE!

## What is the goal of the pro-life movement?

Many would say it was to "overturn *Roe v. Wade*," but is that really the end goal? After all, now that *Roe* has been overturned, abortion remains legal in many states. So what then is our goal as pro-life people?

In *Why We Must Be Pro Abundant Life*, Care Net President and CEO, Roland C. Warren, gets to the heart of the abortion issue and explains why making abortion illegal is a tactic, but not the goal of the pro-life movement. Instead, our goal should be that unborn children are given the gift of life and empowered to experience an abundant life consistent with God's design.



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