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...and helped her to choose life!

“Oh, no . . . This isn’t happening,” Evelyn\* said, staring at the plus symbol on the pregnancy test in her hands.

She paced back and forth, bare feet thumping the tile floor as reality sunk in. It wasn’t her plan to get pregnant in college. Midterms had been way more stressful than she’d expected, and Mike\* had been there for her when she needed to relax . . . and that’s where things had gotten out of hand.

She ran her fingers through her hair, taking deep breaths. Still a junior, her grades put her on track to graduate with honors. Having a baby could threaten her plans for graduation and career.

She believed in God—she was raised Baptist—and she felt like her walk with God had really grown this last year. She knew God loved her and wanted what was best for her, but this seemed like too much to handle. She just didn’t feel ready to be responsible for another human being.

She remembered hearing about *Pregnancy Decision Line* from the church she was attending. She heard it was a good place to get some answers about unplanned pregnancy, so she decided to give them a call.

## You’re Saving Lives One Conversation at a Time

The conversation with the hotline coach was marked with tears, encouragement, and—surprisingly—even laughter. The coach mentioned that she knew of other moms who had graduated with children and maintained a career, too. She mentioned that Care Net’s own President and CEO, Roland Warren, and his wife, Yvette, had been in her position. Yvette not only graduated, but had gone on to realize her dream of becoming a doctor after getting married and even having a second child.

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**Bring a Christ-like response to the abortion crisis to YOUR church!**

As we see post-*Roe* changes to abortion laws, our exclusive course—*now revamped and even more user-friendly*—can transform your church’s response to women and men facing unexpected pregnancies that can help them choose life!

Learn more about Making Life Disciples at:  
[makinglifedisciples.com](http://makinglifedisciples.com)



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

# Why Should Christians Be Pro-Life?

While the answer to the question posed in this article's title may be obvious, God helped me see the life issue at an even deeper Biblical level in recent months.

Most Christians rightly say—because God is the author of life, He created us in His image and “knit us together in our mother’s womb (Psalm 139)”—the Bible makes a clear case for being pro-life.

But what if you could make a clear Biblical case for life without referencing any of those ideas?

In the gospel of Matthew, a lawyer asked Jesus, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus answered, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. Love God above all else. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

This, of course, is the Great Commandment and the first part of our main mission as Christians.

Then, in the last chapter of Matthew’s gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

This, of course, is the Great Commission and the second part of our main mission as Christians.

So, what does this have to do with the life issue?

Ask yourself this: how does having an abortion, supporting abortion, or advocating for someone else to have an abortion help one live out the Great Commission and the Great Commandment? Everything we do as Christians must line up with these ideas given by Christ.

I made a video discussing this and three other ways you can make a Biblical argument for life. I’ve found them especially helpful when talking to Christians who consider themselves to be pro-choice. I hope you have a chance to watch and that it blesses you!

Use the link or QR code below to watch and let me know what you think!

[www.care-net.org/pro-choice-christians](http://www.care-net.org/pro-choice-christians)

Blessings,



Roland C. Warren  
Care Net President & CEO



Hear more from Roland on Twitter!  
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## You Helped Remind Evelyn...

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But then the Life Coach said something that stuck with her: “God sometimes answers our prayers in ways we don’t understand at the time, but His ways are always good.” Evelyn hung up still not knowing what to do, but she felt more like her baby was a part of God’s plans for her.

According to a Care Net survey conducted in 2018, two out of every five mothers who had gotten an abortion admitted they were regularly attending church at the time of their abortion. This means someone sitting in the pew next to you on Sunday might be planning to head to the abortion clinic on Monday.

But, thanks to you, they are changing their minds because you’ve shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ through our hotline and they’ve received compassion, hope, and help through our life affirming network of pregnancy centers. More than that, churches like yours are (or can be) a place they can turn to, to become disciples for life.

## You can help save lives now and for eternity!

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



You can share the Gospel with mothers and fathers considering abortion right now . . . and save the lives of their unborn babies . . . with your gift today.

Your generosity ensures 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 pregnancy, 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!

**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 and becoming 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:

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](http://care-net.org/give-monthly)
3. Call us at 1-800-518-7909

Questions?

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## Single...Unemployed... Pregnant...What to Do?

You helped Anna answer that question!

Anna's past several months had been very trying. The man she was with left her as soon as he found out she was pregnant. She'd recently lost her job. Just being pregnant was an added stress that she didn't know how to handle. Anna also didn't have much family around.

Part of a small church, she didn't really have many Christian friends her age because most of the congregation was older. While Anna never believed in abortion before, she found herself contemplating it because she couldn't see any other way out of her current predicament. She didn't think they'd understand, and she felt alone! She desperately needed someone to talk to.

Going online, she searched for pregnancy help and one of the first links that came up was *Pregnancy Decision Line*, Care Net's national hotline. Her interest sparked, so she clicked on the link. When it promised her a place to talk to someone anonymously, she dialed the number.

### One Conversation Was All She Needed to Change Direction

Anna's conversation with the hotline coach was amazing.

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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
3. Share with someone facing a pregnancy decision



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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** or [pregnancydecisionline.org](http://pregnancydecisionline.org).





## You can help save unborn lives through your estate planning!

There are great days set aside for some not-so-great things in April. April 4 is "Hug a Newsmen Day." Really? Why would anyone do that? Now here is a day I can get behind. April 5 is "Deep Dish Pizza Day."

But there are also some very special days in April. Like Easter Sunday! This day reminds us how much God loves all of us, including His precious unborn babies.

Well, there's a way you can save even more of God's precious children. What if I told you that you could do it without incurring any cost now? That's right. **No Cost.** Just leave a gift to Care Net in your will or estate plan. **And it only takes about 20 minutes with Freewill.com/carenetnational.**

You can reach out to Bob Milton, a member of Care Net's Planned Giving Team, at [bmilton@care-net.org](mailto:bmilton@care-net.org) or 703-653-1127, for more creative ideas about how you can help.



## Single...Unemployed...Pregnant...

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She was pleasantly surprised to be speaking with someone who provided compassion, hope, and help along with the truth of Scripture. The Gospel message that the coach gave resonated with Anna, giving her the assurance and hope that choosing life was the right thing to do. Praise God!

Your generous support of Care Net helps ensure there is always someone to support women like Anna. Your partnership gives moms and dads hope to choose life through our hotline, affiliated pregnancy centers, and churches we've trained for pro-life ministry.

Thank you for your continued support!



## Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve!

Share your heart for the unborn and the hope available through the Gospel with Pro Abundant Life merch from the Care Net store! T-shirts, baby onesies, devotionals, New Testaments, booklets, and so much more are available to help you spread the Pro Abundant Life message everywhere you go!

**Shop today at: [store.care-net.org/t-shirts-1](https://store.care-net.org/t-shirts-1)**



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